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THUNDEROUS GAS EXPLOSION.

Rotten Pipe Disturbed by Con-
duit Digging the Cause.

FLYING GLASS AND DEBRIS.

J. A. MAGINNIS & CO.'S SADDLERY
HOUSE A PARTIAL WRECK
AND WALLS WEAKENED.

IT CAME LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.

Patrolmen Reuter and King Stood Near
the Heavy Manhole Covers,
Which Were Sent Thirty
Feet Into the Air.

A thunderous explosion shook the build-
ings around Fourth street and Lucas ave-
nue at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning.
The neighborhood was panic-stricken for
the moment. Early workers rushed out
into the street, and there were flying
debris and broken glass and frightened
horses in every direction.

At the instant of explosion, the heavy
iron coverings of the manholes in front
and at the side of the building on the
southwest corner of Fourth and Lucas, oc-
cupied by J. A. Maginnis & Co., as a sad-
dlery house, shot into the air to a distance
of about thirty feet, falling back with a
great clatter.

Eight of the big windows in the Ma-
ginnis building were broken, and the glass
came down in little pieces on the pave-
ment. Thomas J. Cheuning, manager of the
saddlery company, was telephoned for
and hastened down from the West End Ho-
tel. He thinks it probable the building has
been damaged in the solidity of its walls,
and has reported to the agent, J. V. S.
Barrett. The house is owned by Mrs.
Swang.

The explosion was caused by rotten gas
pipe. The pipe in that vicinity is at least
half a century old, it is said, and has long
emitted a smell of escaping gas. During
the construction of conduits along there,
last summer, the atmosphere was almost
unbearable and proved a great detriment
to business.

The recent sleet storms had covered the
man traps with impenetrable thickness of
ice, to which were added piles of dirt and
snow tumbled out of the plops of the
Fourth street cable railway. The slowly
escaping gas beneath this mass of ice and
earth accumulated until it burst its bounds.
Patrolmen Reuter and King were near by
when the explosion occurred. They say it
sounded like a cannon and the heavy man-
hole covers flew higher than the second
story windows of the Maginnis building.
Immediately glass and debris fell.

The officers thought for an instant that
there had been a gigantic earthquake.

A heavy coal wagon that chanced to be
passing by careened and the driver was al-
most thrown from his seat.

Goods in the stores in the immediate
neighborhood were thrown from their shelv-
ing and consternation reigned for a time.
The police officers consider it a miracle
that no one was hurt. The early hour at
which the explosion occurred prevented in-
jury to lives and limbs.

Merchants and property owners in that
vicinity are indignant at the gas company
for permitting its pipes to remain so many
years unrenovated.

SANITARY WAGON STRUCK.

Acids Scattered and Driver Burkhardt's
Shoulder Injured.

If there were any disease germs lurking
around the vicinity of Seventh street and
Chouteau avenue Wednesday morning they
are all dead now. The corner was deluged
with acids and disinfectant fluids by an ac-
cident, and at the same time the germs
were killed as a city employee suffered a badly
sprained shoulder.

Sanitary wagon No. 6 was being driven
south on Seventh street Wednesday morn-
ing by Ben Burkhardt of 3424 Pine street, and
Frank Jackson, of 7923 Ivory avenue. They
misjudged the speed of an east-bound grip
train of the Fourth street line as they
passed Chouteau avenue, and before they
had crossed the tracks the grip car struck
the wagon a broadside.

The wagon was forced to one side of the
street a wreck, and its contents, consisting
of bottles and jugs of acids were smashed
to bits, the fluid pouring over the snow and
trickling in rivulets to the gutter. Burk-
hardt fell against the curbstone on his side,
bruising his body painfully and dislocating
his shoulder. He was sent home.

D. Reagan was the gripman and J. M.
McCanley the conductor of the cable train.

PARDONED ON CONDITION.

William Pool Goes Free If He Keeps
Sober and Leaves Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 22.—Wm. Pool
of Independence County, sent to the peni-
tentiary in 1892 for twenty-one years for
the murder of John Evans, was pardoned
today on condition that he leave the State
within thirty days and hereafter abstain
from intoxicating liquors. Pool killed Evans
in a drunken brawl. The pardon was
recommended by a large number of peti-
tioners.

CAUGHT FEVER AT HAVANA.

Capt. Buck of the Saratoga Very Ill
at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Ward Line
steamer Saratoga, from Mexican ports via
Havana, reached quarantine this morning
with her master, Capt. E. P. Buck, very ill,
suffering from fever, which he contracted
while the vessel was lying at Havana.
His condition is critical. He was sent to
Buncombe Island Hospital. The ship will
be disinfected and will proceed to her dock.

SALVATION ARMY LASSIES AMONG THE MERRY SKATERS ON THE POST-DISPATCH LAKE AT FOREST PARK.



Nearly \$40,000 was distributed in wages among the unemployed during the excavation of this Lake. Thousands of skaters enjoy the sport each day. To these this appeal is made. The Salvation Army will feed 10,000 hungry persons on Xmas Day. Do your share. The lassies will be among the skaters. They cannot ask contributions in a public park. Offer them without solicitation.

EVERY DIME WILL FEED A HUNGRY UNFORTUNATE ON CHRISTMAS SAID TO BE A GHOUL.

Serious Charge Against
Dr. Wm. Smith of the
Kirkville College.



DR. WILLIAM SMITH.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Grand-Jury
has voted to indict Prof. William Smith of
Kirkville, Mo., for the robbery of the
Dunning morgue on October 24 last. With
him it was voted to hold Henry Ulrich, the
watchman, and John Ludes, the teamster,
to await trial in the courts.
Dr. Smith wires here: "I have com-
mitted no offense against the laws of either
Illinois or Missouri. President Healy has
seen fit to do a great deal of talking. When
the time comes for me to speak I will do
so in a very decided manner."
The charge upon which the indictments
were voted was burglary, and not body
stealing, as was commonly expected. It
seems that under the laws of Illinois a
human body has no value unless it is in a
grave. The theft of bodies outside of graves
is not larceny, but the ghouls who visited
the Dunning morgue broke open a door and
took away with them the shrouds in which
the bodies were wrapped.
None of the defendants appeared before
the Grand-Jury. Statements made by Ulrich
and Ludes were presented by Detective Ser-
geant De Roche, who has had charge of the
case. President Healy of the County Board
told the story of the robbery, and Detective
Sergeant Ryan told of Ulrich's identification
of the picture of Smith.
President Healy now will make an effort

to secure Smith for trial in this county. He
probably will send an officer to Kirkville
with requisition papers, but the ways and
means have not as yet been decided upon.
Capitans for Ulrich and Ludes will be taken
out this morning.
According to the story told the Grand-
jury from some source Smith learned that
the bodies could be secured at Dunning. This
information saw Ulrich and made a bargain
with him. Smith and his companions came
from Kirkville, and according to Ulrich's
statement, met himself and Scie at Stine's
house. Ulrich told them where to go, and
Ludes. The party separated and that night

GOING AMONG CHINESE

Post of Honor Tendered Dr. Drake of
Arkansas.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 22.—
Dr. Noah Fields Drake, a graduate stu-
dent in geology here since 1893, has been
tendered and has accepted a position in
the Tien Tsin University, China, and he
will leave here for the Orient on the first
of February. He will be major Professor
of Mining, Engineering and Geology. Dr.
Drake came here from Cincinnati, Ark.
He took the degree of civil engineer in the
Arkansas Industrial University in 1888. Fol-
lowing that he was connected for four years
with the State Geological Surveys of
Texas and Arkansas, and also worked on
the United States Geological Survey as
geologist and surveyor. After a year's
work here he took his A. B. degree in ge-
ology, and the following year received the
degree of A. M. During vacations he was
connected with the coast Geologic Survey,
and after two more years of study here he
received last May the degree of Doctor of
Philosophy.

MARRIED HIS "LITTLE GIRL"

Romantic Wedding of Rev. Chestnut
and Miss Rodgers at Marissa.

Rev. Robert U. Chestnut, 39 years old,
and Miss Dora M. Bixby Roberts, 23 years
old, obtained a marriage license at Belle-
ville Tuesday and were married Tuesday
night at the bride's home in Marissa.

The wedding was the culmination of a
little romance. Rev. Chestnut is pastor of
the Presbyterian Church at Marissa. Sev-
eral years ago his wife died, leaving him
with two small children.
Miss Bixby was in Mrs. Chestnut's Sun-
day School class, and the minister and his
wife were very fond of her and called her
their little girl.

After Mrs. Chestnut's death the attach-
ment between them ripened into love.
The wedding was a quiet one, only the in-
imate friends being invited. The new Mrs.
Chestnut is very intelligent and attractive.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

FAIR—WARMER THURSDAY.

For St. Louis and vicinity—Fair Wednes-
day night; Thursday, partly cloudy; warmer.
For Missouri—Increasing cloudiness and war-
mer Wednesday night and Thursday with
probable snow flurries in the north portion.
For Illinois—Fair Wednesday night, with
warmer in the northwest portion; Thursday
increasing cloudiness and warmer with snow
flurries in the north and central portions.
The temperatures have risen decidedly in the
West and Northwest, and have fallen else-
where.

POST-DISPATCH THERMOMETER.

7 a. m.	22	11 a. m.	28
8 a. m.	23	12 m.	29
9 a. m.	23	1 p. m.	31
10 a. m.	24	2 p. m.	32

TWO PECULIAR WEDDING ITEMS.

CLAIMS HE WAS MARRIED.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Joseph Waters
of Moline, Ill., is here claiming a share
of the estate of Mrs. Anna R. Minter, who
died in 1896, leaving property valued at \$300-
000. Waters claims to have married the
widow in 1892. His attorneys said they had
a marriage certificate, issued by Frank M.
Burgess, who, in 1892, was a justice of the
peace in St. Paul, but who is now in the
insane asylum at Rochester, Minn. The
Minter heirs admit that Waters secured a
marriage license from the Clerk of the
District Court in 1892, but insist that Mrs.
Minter did not marry.

IN SEARCH OF HUSBANDS.

Grace Lulu Raines Answers
Matrimonial "Ads."

ALSO HER FRIEND, MISS LEWIS.

MEN FROM OUT OF TOWN COM-
PLAIN THEM TO THE
POLICE.

DIAMOND RINGS RECEIVED.

Police Called on Miss Raines, Got Back
a Nebraska Man's Ring and
Did Some Investi-
gating.

During the past week Chief of Police
Harrigan has had many inquiries from men
in different parts of the United States as
to the social standing of women giving
their names as Grace Lewis and Lulu Raines
who, the letters state, live at 1344 Merchant
street, St. Louis.

The writers state that they became en-
gaged to a woman giving one of the above
names, through a correspondence which
began by answering an advertisement in a
Chicago matrimonial journal.

The last inquiry came from Forts Wilson
of Bertrand, Neb.

He wrote that he answered an advertise-
ment in a matrimonial paper published in
Chicago in which Grace Lewis of 1344 Mer-
chant street, St. Louis, expressed a desire
to secure "a kind and loving husband" with
means sufficient to support her. She de-
scribed herself as young and pretty, with a
moderate income which she derived from a
small property owned by her.

Wilson thought he would about fill the
bill and replied accordingly. She answered
his letter and the correspondence that fol-
lowed led to an exchange of photographs
and a plighting of their troth. As an evi-
dence of his love and sincerity Wilson sent
his inamorata a ring set with diamonds and
rubies valued at \$50.

That all happened about two months ago.
Lately, Wilson, says, his fiancée's letters
have been shorter and lacking in the ardor
that characterized her former missives. He
became suspicious and wrote to the police,
requesting them to get his ring back should
the object of his love, in their opinion, prove
unworthy.

Detectives visited the house at 1344 Mer-
chant street Tuesday and were received by
a woman who answered to the name of
Grace Lulu Raines. She did not exactly
answer the description given by Wilson of
his fiancée, but admitted that she had be-
come engaged to him by letter and that he
had sent her a ring. She wore the token
of his love on her engagement finger.

When apprised of the contents of the let-
ter written by Wilson to the police she
became very indignant. She tore the ring
from her hand and, tossing it to the of-
ficer, said:

"Here is his old ring. You can send it
back to him and tell him our engagement
is at an end. If he can't trust me I don't
want anything more to do with him."
The officer took the ring to the Four
Courts.

The woman admitted to the officer that
she and a woman named Lewis had an-
swered several advertisements in matrimo-
nial journals and were sincere in their
hunt for "kind and loving husbands."
It was learned that they receive numerous
letters and packages by mail nearly every
day.

In the opinion of the police Miss Lewis
and Miss Raines are one and the same.
C. C. Baykin of Leesburg, Fla., superin-
tendent of the Lake County Farm, also
wrote to Chief Harrigan regarding the
standing of Miss Raines. He stated that he
had become engaged to her about a month
ago in the same manner as narrated above.

SHE PREVENTED A DIVORCE.

Mrs. Allen Hale Has Her Say, Though
Not Summoned.

Isabella Lauer was refused a divorce by
Judge Spencer Wednesday, the court hold-
ing that she was as much to blame for do-
mestic infelicity as was her husband,
Charles. Isabella was formerly a song-and-
dance performer.

As the case was being closed, Mrs. Allen
Hale, a big woman, with a distinct voice,
pushed out from the benches, where the
audience usually sits, and said:
"Judge, I want to say something about
this case. That woman don't deserve a di-
vorce. She has been with my husband since
she asked for this divorce."

Mrs. Hale was placed on the stand and
reiterated her statement under oath. She
glared so fiercely at Mrs. Lauer that several
extra Deputy Sheriffs were called in and
posted about the room so they could be
ready in case of trouble.

TO FEED HIS BABIES.

Charles Manlin Goes to Jail and Gives
Them His Prison Fare.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22.—A sad case of
sacrificing poverty was brought to light
here by the Y. M. C. A. in the case of
Charles Manlin, a gypsy horse trader, in
jail here. It was discovered that he saved
all the food given him by the jailers and
passed it out to his wife to save his starv-
ing babies, who were at home absolutely
destitute. He is charged with receiving
stolen goods, but the case against him is
very weak. His family has been taken
care of by charitable people.

SHOT AT BY GUARDS.

Warm Reception for Kentucky Toll-
Gate Raiders.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 22.—Soldiers on
guard at Stanford toll-gate, one mile from
Danville, this morning at 2 o'clock discov-
ered two men sneaking to the rear of the
building and shot at them. The attention
of the soldiers had been drawn to the men
by a party of horsemen, which had halted
on the pike a quarter of a mile away.
The men fired at the soldiers and the
rest of the militia were asleep. The
shots put the horsemen to flight. There
had been made that the building was
attacked.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FOUR STREET RAILWAY PRESIDENTS.

Deputy Sheriffs Ordered to Arrest Edwards Whitaker, Corwin H. Spencer, John Scullin and Capt. Robert McCulloch

FOR DISREGARDING THE VESTIBULE LAW.

Demand of the Post-Dispatch That the Statute Be Enforced Is Heeded, and the Cases Will Be Pushed in the Court of Criminal Correction.

State of Missouri, Plaintiff,
vs.
Edwards Whitaker, Defendant.
Thomas E. Mulvihill, Prosecuting Attorney of the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, now here in Court, on behalf of the State of Missouri, information makes as follows:
That Edwards Whitaker is the president, agent and officer of the Lindell Railway Company, which said corporation, duly organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Missouri, and as such, at the date hereinafter named, owned, operated and controlled a line of street railway in the City of St. Louis, operated by the motive power of electricity. That on the first day of November, and upon every day, up to the filing of this information, in said month, and on the twenty-second day of December, said corporation did, through and by said Edwards Whitaker, its president, agent and officer, wilfully, knowingly and wrongfully operate an electric street car, which was not a trailer car attached to a motor car, upon its lines, to-wit: Electric car No. 314, while said electric car was not provided at the front end with a screen composed of glass, or other material, which fully and completely protected the motorman of said electric car stationed on the front end of said car from wind and storm, while said motorman was guiding and directing said car, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.
And the said Thomas E. Mulvihill, Prosecuting Attorney for the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, further information makes as follows:
That Edwards Whitaker, in the City of St. Louis, on the twenty-second day of December, 1897, was then and there the president, agent and officer of the Lindell Railway Company, a railroad corporation, organized according to law and as such operated a street railway in said city by the motive power of electricity. And the said Edwards Whitaker, as president, agent and officer of said company did in said city on the twenty-second day of December, 1897, wilfully, knowingly and wrongfully operate an electric street car which was not a trailer car attached to a motor car, upon the lines of said Lindell Railway Company, to-wit, electric car No. 314, while said car was not provided with a screen composed of glass or other material, which fully and completely protected the motorman of said electric car, stationed on the front end of said electric car, from wind and storm, while said motorman was guiding and directing said car, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided, and against the dignity and peace of the State.

THOMAS E. MULVHILL,
Prosecuting Attorney.

Warrants were issued at noon Wednesday against Edwards Whitaker, president of the Lindell Railway Company; Corwin H. Spencer, president of the Union Depot Railway; John Scullin, president of the Union Depot Railway, and Capt. Robert McCulloch, general manager of the Cass Avenue and Fair Grounds Railway.

The warrants are issued by Prosecuting Attorney Thomas E. Mulvihill, and their issuance is a direct result of the vigorous crusade made for the enforcement of the law by the Post-Dispatch.

At 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, Prosecuting Attorney Mulvihill, Deputy Sheriff Joseph Brock and a Post-Dispatch reporter were stationed at Sixth street and Washington avenue. Their mission was to collect the evidence on which to base the charge contained in the warrants.

The first case was made against the Lindell Railway; car No. 314 of the Page avenue division, going west, was stopped at the intersection of the street and the motor car, and the evidence was collected.

"I am the Prosecuting Attorney and I am making charge," said Mr. Mulvihill. "I want your name and address." "I have no time to speak to any one when I am on duty," was the reply. He grasped the conductor and the car sped west.

Then car No. 28 of the Union Line, one of the lines operated by the Union Depot and Fair Grounds Company, passed, going south. It was provided with no vestibule. No attempt was made to obtain the name of the motorman.

Car No. 27 of the Southern Electric Line, and car No. 20 of the Cherokee avenue division of the Union Depot Railway were

then examined. As in the other cases there was no vestibule and no attempt had been made to protect the motorman from wind and storm.

Mr. Mulvihill was questioned by a Post-Dispatch reporter regarding the prosecution of the cases against the street railway companies.

"They will be prosecuted just as any other people who violate our laws," he said. "First they will be arrested. They will be released on bond, and then they will be tried in the Court of Criminal Correction. The cases will be pushed and they will be tried as any other case."

"I anticipate that the corporations will fight the cases with their might and main. But the law is plain."

Then the Prosecuting Attorney handed the reporter a copy of the statute which is as follows:

SECTION FOR CARS ON STREET RAILWAY.
AN ACT REQUIRING PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF STREET CARS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PASSENGERS AND PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, That every electric street car, other than a trailer car, which is attached to a motor car, shall be provided during the months of November, December, January and February of each year, at the front end, with a screen composed of glass or other material, which shall fully and completely protect the motorman of such car from wind and storm, while said motorman is guiding and directing said car, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

Sec. 2. Any person, agent or officer of any association, corporation or other organization, who violates any provision of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for each day that any car belonging to or used by such association, corporation or other organization is operated in violation of the provisions of this act.

"I do not think the street railway men will fight the facts in the cases," said Mr. Mulvihill. "They will in all probability fight the law and attempt to prove that it is unconstitutional. They will have to fight it carefully and I believe they will not succeed."

"Did Dr. Sneed engage a carriage here at the hotel?" he asked William Kimbrough, the forger.

"Said he my best horse at once," answered the student. "Jennings is my name. My sister has just eloped in that carriage. They have gone to Huntsdale and I must catch them before they take the train at ten minutes later."

Then Miss Jennings disappeared in the direction of Huntsdale, leaving a trail of confusion and excitement. She was seen to enter a carriage and was seen to leave it. She was seen to enter a carriage and was seen to leave it.

Monday, Miss Jennings, accompanied by her mother and Mr. McGraw, came to Columbia and was just about to be married at the Powers Hotel when McGraw rushed in with a drawn revolver.

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BRAN'S AND MILLIONS OF MONEY DEAL.

THE FIRST CORNER OF FOOD PRODUCTS.

And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. And Joseph gathered corn (wheat) as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn (wheat); because that the famine was so sore in all lands.—Genesis xli, 48, 49, 57.

Young Leiter's Pluck Is

No Less Astounding

Than Armour's

Resources.

THE GRAIN KING'S ENERGY.

Transactions, the Immensity of Which Are Almost Beyond Conception.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—The biggest wheat deal the world has ever known has been consummated here. Not until 1:15 p. m., Dec. 21, when the going on the Board of Trade will give the signal to cease the battle, will the outcome of the struggle between Leiter and Armour be known.

While it seems to be a contest between young Joseph Leiter and Philip D. Armour, it is really a battle of the latter's millions against those of the elder Leiter, for the fortune of the old merchant is backing his son.

Not since the days of old "Commodore" Vanderbilt has the commerce of the country seen the superb generalship brought out by the great December wheat deal. It has been a battle of giants. Against the Leiter millions have been arrayed the immense wealth, the experience, the great plan, the almost unlimited command of transportation facilities and the consummate sagacity of the greatest entrepreneur who sits in his office in LaSalle street and directs the activities of a commercial empire.

For the average man a deal on the Board of Trade means a mere speculation, a mere play with the money of others. But to the Leiter-Armour deal the speculations have been what economists call honest. The Leiter-Armour deal has been a deal for delivery. These three things are the most important in the Leiter-Armour deal. It is almost impossible to conceive the meaning of 6,000,000 bushels of wheat. One may say that it is worth \$100,000,000, but it is worth more than that. It is worth the life of a man. It is worth the life of a nation. It is worth the life of the world.

How did P. D. Armour get this wheat together to deliver it to Joseph Leiter?

Armour's operations are likened by a Board of Trade man with a Biblical knowledge of the history of the world to the operations of Joseph in Egypt. When, according to Genesis, Joseph came to Egypt to sell his wheat to the Pharaoh, he found the Pharaoh's officials in a state of despair. They had no wheat to sell. They had no money to buy wheat. They had no way to get wheat. They had no way to get money. They had no way to get wheat and money.

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Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney Dry Goods Co.

Third Floor and Basement. Art Rooms, Third Floor and Basement.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY a Sale of Unusual Importance.

\$25,000 WORTH OF IDEAL CHRISTMAS GOODS,

At Money-Saving Prices, Such As:

\$5.00 VALUE.	25 WOLF RUGS, natural colors, perfect head and eyes, felt lined; 8-inch extended edge; contrasting colors; handsomely decorated; pink and scalloped.	\$5.00 VALUE.	
\$4.45 EACH.		\$4.45 EACH.	

\$3.50 EACH.	25 BLACK and GOLD JAPANESE FIRE SCREENS, four panels; handsomely decorated; new design.	\$3.50 EACH.	

\$1.29 Each.	150 JARDINIERS STANDS, forest green finish, carved and decorated in Oriental colors, same as illustration.		

Basement.	150 India Work Basket, fancy colors.	10c
	20 Venetian Glass Vases.	10c
	25 Cut Glass Knife Rests.	15c
	50 French Oil Paintings.	15c
	40 Cut Glass Toothpick Holders.	25c
	40 Cut Glass Mustard Pots.	25c
	50 Japanese Cups and Saucers, decorated with Oriental colors, same as illustration.	25c
	40 French China Blue and White Creams and Sugar.	25c
	40 Japanese Trays.	25c
	75 Artistically Decorated Austrian Vases.	50c
	75 Cut-Glass Sugar Shifter.	50c
	100 Cut-Glass Syrup Pitchers.	75c
	120 Lamp Stands, gilt and black finish.	98c
	120 Gold-Framed Photographs.	95c
	200 Jardiniere Stands, forest green finish.	\$1.29
	250 Wrought Iron Jardiniere Stands.	\$1.95
	200 Wrought Iron Umbrella Stands.	\$1.65
	125 Boudoir Brass Lamps, Victoria burner.	68c
	150 Gold Plate Center Draught Banquet Lamps.	\$1.98
	150 Gold Plate Onyx Shaft Banquet Lamps, glass globes.	\$3.95

Bargains in Pictures.	25 Landscapes, water-color fac-similes, gilt frames, metal corner covers, matted—Holiday sale price, each.	\$1.25
	250 Wrought Iron Umbrella Stands.	\$1.65
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LANDS FOR ENTRY.

MISSOURI STILL HAS NABLY HALF A MILLION ACRES OPEN TO THE FIRST COMERS.

SOME OF IT AT \$1.25 PER ACRE.

Most of It Is Good, Though Rather Hilly, and Is Thickly Covered With Timber.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 22.—The forthcoming annual report of the Labor Commission will contain a chapter on "Government Lands in Missouri" from which the following extracts are taken: There are 48,341 acres of Government lands in Missouri, of which 1,000 acres are in the hands of the United States land offices, located at Booneville, Ironton and Springfield, have jurisdiction over these lands, which are distributed throughout a considerable number of Missouri counties.

The following statements from the Registers of the various land offices show the amount of acres that were subject to entry in the several counties on June 30, 1897.

BOONVILLE DISTRICT.			
County.	Acres.	County.	Acres.
Benton	3,000 Hickory	3,000	
Dallas	12,000 St. Clair	4,000	
Dallas	1,000 Camanche	4,000	
Laclede	14,000		
Madison	16,000		
Monroe	16,000		
Polk	16,000		
Saline	16,000		
Shannon	16,000		
Union	16,000		
Washington	16,000		
Wayne	16,000		
Yazoo	16,000		
Total		88,334	

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

County.	Acres.	County.	Acres.
Barry	15,000 Stone	23,280	
Christian	15,000 Toney	23,280	
Dallas	15,000 Toney	23,280	
Douglas	15,000 Webster	1,800	
Madison	15,000 Wright	1,800	
McDonald	15,000		
Polk	15,000		
Total		90,960	

The general description given in "Country Notes" applies to these lands, the surface of which is generally rolling or hilly, and covered with timber.

Missouri is the only State containing Government lands which are subject to cash entry. All of the lands enumerated in the preceding table can be purchased at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, except such tracts as were sold in homestead entries and reverted to the Government. These can only be secured by homestead entry.

MEACHAM ARMS CO. Takes This Step to Settle Business Affairs.

A deed of trust, naming Marshall F. McDonald trustee, was filed in the Recorder's office Wednesday morning by the Meacham Arms Co., which was recently absorbed by the Simmons Hardware Co.

The following creditors are preferred in the deed: Woodward & Tiernan, printers of St. Louis, \$2,000; Marion Cycle Co. of Marion, Ind., \$2,000; Acme Powder Co. of Chicago, \$2,000; H. Werleman of New York City, \$2,000; Hartley & Graham, New York, \$2,000.

The object in filing the trust deed is to bring about a quicker settlement of the old

TWO FRANTIC LOVERS WANT TO WED THE SAME GIRL.

McNear Outwits McGraw and Flees With Miss Jennings From Columbia to Vinita.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 22.—A pretty girl, her mother and two fraternal lovers, all of Centralia, Mo., have been treating Columbia to a series of sensational events for several days. Until yesterday the leading actors in the drama were Miss Hattie Jennings, the bone of contention; Mrs. Warner Jennings, her mother; Robert McNear, the man the girl loved, and William McGraw, a rejected lover with a revolver.

Yesterday a student of Missouri University was added to the cast, and soon proved himself the star of the whole performance. McGraw and McNear had been in love with Miss Jennings for a long time, and she liked them both pretty well, but leaned slightly toward McNear. Her mother also liked the latter, the latter's father, however, was against the match.

Monday, Miss Jennings, accompanied by her mother and Mr. McGraw, came to Columbia and was just about to be married at the Powers Hotel when McGraw rushed in with a drawn revolver.

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The Couple on the Way to Indian Territory But in Fear of the Hilted Rival.

Turner & Bright Live Stable and engaged a carriage, drawn by a swift team of horses. He told Kimbrough the forger, to send the carriage as quickly as possible to a dark corner near the Powers Hotel.

Kimbrough accompanied the colored driver to the spot at the appointed time. Out of the darkness a man stepped forward. He was Jennings, the latter heavily veiled, the former with upturned collar and hat but lower over his eyes. As Kimbrough was about to bid him farewell, McNear sprang into the carriage and said to the driver: "Tell the driver to drive as though the devil were after him, and if we get to Vinita, he is to send you a message."

"Said he my best horse at once," answered the student. "Jennings is my name. My sister has just eloped in that carriage. They have gone to Huntsdale and I must catch them before they take the train at ten minutes later."

Then Miss Jennings disappeared in the direction of Huntsdale, leaving a trail of confusion and excitement. She was seen to enter a carriage and was seen to leave it. She was seen to enter a carriage and was seen to leave it.

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BRUTALLY BEAT AN OLD MAN.

Watchman Grimes Suspended
by Capt. Joyce.

IS CHARGED WITH CRUELTY.

NOT THE FIRST TIME HE IS AL-
LEGED TO HAVE ABUSED
JOHN BARRET.

OLD COUPLE IN GREAT FEAR.

They Claim That Grimes Persecutes
Them Without Reason, and He
Says They Are Bad Citizens
and He Is Innocent.

Old John Barret of 1203 North Second
street has a big gnash on his head, and a
great fear in his heart.

He claims that Joseph Grimes, a night
watchman employed by the Vandalla Rail-
road, made the gnash with the butt of a
revolver, and inspired the fear by a course
of abuse extending over two months.

Barret and his wife are old, poor and and
feeble. Grimes is about 50 years old, but
of powerful physique.

Barret's wife called at the Fourth Dis-
trict Police Station Wednesday morning
and reported that Grimes had invaded their
home and nearly killed her husband without
cause.

Capt. Joyce sent Sergt. Church and Patrol-
man Ganley to investigate. They found
Barret at the North End Dispensary having
a scalp wound three inches long stitched
up.

He said that at 7 o'clock in the morning
he was waked by a hammering on his door.
He opened it. Grimes was there. Accord-
ing to Barret the watchman swore fiercely
at him, then struck him with his clubbed
revolver.

Barret says he retreated and Grimes fol-
lowed him and knocked him down with the
revolver. He fell on the bed and lay there
bleeding and barely conscious. His wife
ran in screaming and Grimes cursed them
both and walked away wiping the blood
from his heavy eyelids.

The policemen found Grimes and took him
to the station.

Capt. Joyce heard their report and turn-
ing to Grimes said sharply: "You've been
drinking, haven't you?"

"Yes, I always take a drink in the morn-
ing," replied the watchman.

"Give the Sergeant your shield," said the
captain. "I suspend you. The commis-
sioners will pass on your case. Don't let
me hear of your abusing those old people
again."

Grimes growled out that Barret was a
liar; that he was a bad citizen and a
nuisance and had been drunk all night, dis-
turb the neighborhood. He (Grimes)
never struck him.

About two months ago Barret and his
wife were arraigned in Judge Stevenson's
court, charged with disturbing the
peace. Grimes was the arresting officer
and the prosecutor.

Barret and his wife were both bruised
and their clothes were torn. His wife
said that he had been in an old coffee
shop, where he had been drinking. She
said they were acting boisterously
on the street and he arrested them.

Mrs. Barret swore that, while walking
peaceably along the street near her home
when Grimes accosted her and without
provocation called her a bad woman. She
told him to let her alone and he caught
hold of her and shook her violently. She
screamed and her husband ran up and re-
monstrated with Grimes. The watchman
threw her down, then seized her husband
struck him repeatedly, tore his clothes off
and dragged them both to prison, where
they spent the night.

Barret corroborated his wife's statement,
and they said they could prove their al-
legations. Grimes had no witnesses, and did
not offer to get any.

Judge Stevenson discharged the old couple,
but did not order Grimes arrested.
As the Barrets were leaving the court-
room Grimes jeered at them, saying: "Now
I suppose you will try to get me before the
Commissioners."

They made no such attempt, and claim
that they did not give Grimes any cause
for the assault of Wednesday morning.
No charge of assault has been made
against the watchman, but Barret may
swear to a warrant.

STARTED A DICE GAME.

But the Stranger's Money Was Saved
by Officer Platzer.

The timely arrival of Officer Platzer
saved John Knepler of Berlin, Ill., from be-
ing smothered by confidence men Wednesday
morning.

Knepler arrived in St. Louis on a morning
train on his way to New Orleans. He was
met by Ora Phelps, alias Brooks, who, ac-
cording to the police, is a well-known con-
fidence man. Phelps took Knepler to a
saloon at Fourteenth and Pine streets.

A dice game was started, but before
Knepler had time to become separated from
any money Officer Platzer walked in and
arrested Phelps.

Knepler had \$275 and a ticket to New
Orleans in his pocket.

DR. WISE VERY ILL.

Sustained Injuries While Stepping
From a Suburban Car.

Dr. F. W. Wise of 1037 Suburban terrace
is dangerously ill at the Mayfield Sanita-
rium, from injuries received while stepping
from a car on the Suburban line, Monday
night.

The doctor says he told the conductor to
stop at Hamilton avenue. There is only a
board walk platform at that street, and
the car did not stop until it had gone
about twenty feet beyond the platform.
Not knowing this he stepped out and into
the ditch.

He sustained a broken rib, a bruised hip
and elbow and a sore head. Pneumonia has
set in from the broken rib, and Tuesday he
was expectorating blood. His condition is
critical.

THE TURK WON THE FIGHT.

Christian Arab Defended the Greeks
and Got Whipped.

John Alisky, an Arab candy peddler of
312 North Ninth street, engaged in a con-
troversy Wednesday with an "unpleasant
Turk" about the Turkish-Greek question.
The Christianized Arab took the part of the
Greeks.

The Turk resented the Arab's denunciation
of the Sultan, and a fight followed.
Like classic Greece the Arab came out
second best. He bled profusely from a two-
inch scalp wound, and in the hand-to-hand
struggle the Turk fastened his teeth in his
adversary's right ear, biting it nearly off.

Dr. Newcomb patched up the Arab's
wounds at the City Dispensary and sent
him home.

CURE A COLD IN ONE NIGHT.

Try Parker's Cascara Quinine Tablets;
cure constipation and malaria; pleasant to
take.

Be Careful

Be careful of your manners, they indicate your
breeding.

Be careful of your thoughts, for they form
your life.

Be careful of your actions, for they reveal your
character.

Be careful of your associates; you are judged
by the company you keep.

Be careful of your health; it is a blessing that
can never be too highly valued; it is simply price-
less.

Be careful of the first signs of a cough, cold,
or weakness; they are the forerunners of dis-
ease.

Be careful in what way you contract a cough
or a cold, and remember there is nothing which
does it so well as a pure stimulant.

Be careful that you secure the right stimulant
and bear in mind that the best authorities agree
that nothing equals a pure whiskey.

Be careful that you take this great preparation
promptly, and in a systematic manner. Remem-
ber that "a stitch in time saves nine," and that
health and happiness may depend upon it.

Be careful that you are not persuaded to take
something else which may be called "just as good"
by your druggist or grocer. Insist upon having
Duffy's Pure Malt, which is the only pure, me-
dicinal whiskey in the market.

SLUGGED AND MISSING.

POLICE ARE MYSTIFIED AND
FRIENDS OF JAMES H. BESTT
FEAR THE WORST.

ACTED QUEER WHEN LAST SEEN

Disappeared After Telling of His En-
counter With Two Ruffians
in North St. Louis.

The police are mystified over the strange
disappearance of James H. Bestt, who has
not been at his home, 354 Easton avenue,
since last Saturday.

Bestt was a watchman employed by C.
O. Eames, Superintendent of the special
service on the Wabash railroad. Bestt's
headquarters are at Union Station, but his
duties take him occasionally along the
tracks of the company in North St. Louis.

F. W. Woerhide, who is also in the em-
ploy of the Wabash, called at the City Hospi-
tal Wednesday morning, inquiring about
Bestt.

"He has not been seen since Sunday eve-
ning that I can learn," he said. "I fear he
has either killed himself or has been killed."

"Bestt was 40 years old and a man who
never drank. Last Saturday, about noon
one of our men met Bestt. His head was
badly wounded and he seemed dazed. When
questioned he replied that he was walking
along the tracks in Baden early Saturday
morning when he was attacked by two men
who beat and robbed him. His friend took
him to a doctor's office at Fourth street
and Washington avenue, where his wounds
were treated."

Bestt seemed all right and his friend
accompanied him to Franklin avenue, where
he assisted him in getting into an Easton
car and started him home. He reported the
matter to headquarters and it was not
supposed that Bestt's injuries were serious.

"Sunday evening I met Bestt again. He
was walking on the tracks at Fourth street
and Washington avenue, and had a
peculiar look in his eyes. He talked in a
rambling fashion, and could give no ac-
count of himself. I was in a taxi when he
came to me. He seemed to have gone home with
him. As it was, as he appeared perfectly well-
to-do, I wanted him to go to a hotel and
Franklin avenue and put him on a car and
started him home."

"It was not known that Bestt had not
been at his home after his assault Satur-
day morning until his wife called for him
quarters and asked about him. Then the
matter was reported to the police, but so far
there is no trace of Bestt."

WOODROW WILSON'S VISIT.

Princetonians Will Entertain the Dis-
tinguished Teacher and Writer.

The members of the Princeton Club of St.
Louis are looking forward to a holiday even-
ing of unusual interest. On the evening of De-
cember 30 the club will give a dinner in
honor of Prof. Woodrow Wilson, who holds
the chair of jurisprudence in Princeton Uni-
versity. The dinner will be given at the
St. Louis Club and will be the occasion of
the annual reunion of the Princeton Club.
Princeton men from miles around will gal-
ler at the dinner and an unusual feature
of the dinner will be the presence of seven-
teen undergraduates of this city, who will
teach the staid alumnus how they sing and
how they yell nowadays at old Nassau.

An elaborate preceding the club's re-
union and banquet Prof. Wilson will be
given a reception at the University Club.
He will probably give an informal talk on
some subject relating to colleges and their
influence on society. Prof. Wilson is emi-
nently qualified to speak on public ques-
tions. Although comparatively a young
man he has gained wide recognition not
merely as an authority on jurisprudence, but
as a writer on political and historical subjects.
His "Century of Congressional Govern-
ment" is a notable contribution to political
literature. As an essayist he has few living
superiors and his latest volume, "More
Literature and Other Essays," has been re-
lated with cordial appreciation as a reve-
lation of a new and brilliant essayist on
literary topics. Among Prof. Wilson's best
known works are his "Life of Washington,"
"Division and Reunion, an Epoch of
American History," "The State," "An Old
Master" and his "Contributor to nearly all
the leading reviews and magazines, so that
an evening with him promises rare enjoy-
ment."

BURGLAR WILLIAMS HID.

Extra Policemen Helped to Find His
Hiding Place.

Charles Williams, a negro, is locked up
at the Fourth District Station charged
with attempting to rob the dry goods store
of Henry J. Korte at 126 Middle street
early Wednesday morning.

Williams was captured by Sergeant Ma-
her and Policemen McGuire, who were
standing on the opposite side of the street
and saw him enter the building. They
rushed over, and Williams bolted the door.
The officers forced an entrance, but the
burglar again eluded them. He ran up
stairs and hid in a closet.

Several officers were secured and two
extra policemen summoned. They searched
extra premises from cellar to roof and finally
found their man in the closet, secreted be-
hind a bolt of dry goods.

Williams submitted to arrest. He said he
was hungry, and to support himself was
obliged to steal.

He was afterwards learned that Williams
forced an entrance to H. C. Hymon's shoe
store at 124 Middle street earlier in the
night. Nothing was taken.

"Fire-Proof"

COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

Have ten vacant offices to show you. Cor-
ner Sixth and Olive.

EMILE GLOAGAU, Agent.

THE "FAIR" WILL CLOSE FOREVER!



Xmas Gifts and Toys for Thursday's Slaughter Regardless of Cost or Value!

GIFTS SUCH AS	GIFTS SUCH AS	GIFTS SUCH AS	GIFTS SUCH AS	TOYS SUCH AS	TOYS SUCH AS	TOYS SUCH AS	TOYS SUCH AS
Jewel Boxes, Hand Mirrors, Hair Pin Boxes, Collar Button Boxes, Photo Frames, etc., None under 25c value—Trustee's price.....	Glove Boxes, Work Boxes, Sackett Boxes, Writing Desks, Fine Pocket Books, None under 50c value—Trustee's price.....	Oak Work Boxes, Flask Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Paper Toilet Sets, Fine Photo Frames, etc., All regular 75c value, Trustee's price for choice.....	Celluloid Photo Stands, Flash Boxes, Leather Toilet Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Fine Necktie Boxes, etc., values up to \$1.00, Trustee's price for choice.....	Picture Books, Noah's Arks, Toy Tea Sets, Building Blocks, Tops, Trampolines, etc., All 1c and 2c Toys, Trustee's price for choice.....	Fish Ponds, Tin Kitchen Sets, Toy Pigs, Fur Dogs, Street Cars, Nestled Blocks, Building Blocks, etc., Values up to 35c— Trustee's price for choice.....	Iron Trains, Fire Engines, Street Cars, Large Nestled Blocks, Large Tea Sets, etc., Values up to 35c— Trustee's price for choice.....	Large Pianos, Tool Chests, Fine Kid Body Dolls, with woven wigs— Large Tea Sets, etc., Values up to \$2.00— Trustee's Price for choice.....
10c	19c	25c	49c	3c	8c	19c	89c

Clothing, Shoes and Furnishings Prices Shivered to Splinters in Thursday's Sale!

MEN'S Slippers—some leather—some embroidered—values up to \$1.00—Trustee's Price for choice.....	All the Men's \$4.50 Suits Slashed to.....	\$2.25	All the Men's \$10.00 Ullsters Battered to.....	\$5.00	MEN'S Linen Collars—the "Fair's" price, 10 and 15c each— Trustee's Price.....
LADIES' Slippers—extra fine, that "Fair's" sold up to \$2.50 a pair—Trustee's Price for choice.....	All the Men's \$6.00 Suits Smashed to.....	\$3.00	All the Men's \$15.00 Overcoats Flattened to.....	\$7.50	MEN'S Suspenders—the "Fair's" Price, 20c a pair— Trustee's Price.....
LADIES' Shoes—Button and Lace— "Fair's" price up to \$2.50—Trustee's Price.....	All the Men's \$10.00 Suits Hammered to.....	\$5.00	All the Boys' \$4.00 Suits Smashed to.....	\$2.00	MEN'S Fine Mufflers—the "Fair's" regular 35c values— Trustee's Price.....
MEN'S Dress Shoes—Beauties—that "Fair's" sold up to \$3.00 a pair—Trustee's Price.....	All the Men's \$15.00 Suits Splintered to.....	\$7.50	All the Boys' \$4.00 Overcoats Smashed to.....	\$2.00	MEN'S Fine Woolen Socks—the "Fair's" price, 3 for \$1.00— Trustee's Price.....
All Boys' and Chil- dren's Shoes at Pro- portionately Slaugh- tered Prices.	All the Men's \$18.00 Suits Shattered to.....	\$9.00	All the Higher Priced Suits and Overcoats at Proportionate Slaugh- ter Prices.		MEN'S Fine Underwear—the "Fair's" price, \$1.00—Trustee's Price.....
					58c

Dry Goods, Millinery, Jackets, Capes and Wrappers Almost Given Away Thursday!

HANDKERCHIEFS—A lot of Plain All-White and Fine Embroid- ered Handkerchiefs, worth up to 50c each, Trustee's price for choice.....	RIBBON—A mixed lot All-Silk 2 to 4, Fair's price 50c, Trustee's price for choice.....	LADIES' CAPES—Fine All- Wool—The "Fair's" price \$1.25— Trustee's price.....	FLANNELLETTES—A lot of Fine Flannellettes, light and dark— Fair's price 10c a yard— Trustee's price for choice.....	CARPETS—A lot of All-Wool In- dian Carpets, 12x18, 14x20, Fair's price up to 50c each— Trustee's price for choice.....
10c	5c	39c	4c	49c
HANDKERCHIEFS—Ladies' and Children's—values up to 30c each, Trustee's price for choice.....	RIBBON—vet Ribbon, Nos. 2 to 10, in back only, Fair's price 30c, Trustee's price for choice.....	LADIES' WRAPPERS—Indigo blue, all sizes—The "Fair's" price 98c—Trustee's price.....	BRUSSELS CARPETS—All new, latest patterns, colorings and designs, Fair's price 10c a yard— Trustee's price for choice.....	CHILDREN'S HOODS—Cotton and Wool—Fair's price up to 30c each— Trustee's price for choice.....
3c	3c	39c	65c	19c
GLOVES—Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves, Fair's price 30c each, Trustee's price for choice.....	BLANKETS—75 pairs 11-quarter handsome borders, Fair's price \$1.50, Trustee's price.....	LADIES' WAISTS—In pretty Plaids— The "Fair's" price \$1.50—Trustee's price.....	BELTS—A lot of Ladies' Fine Belts, worth up to \$1.00—Trustee's price for choice.....	NECKWEAR—Ladies' Neck- wear, all kinds, Trustee's price for choice.....
39c	\$2.98	48c	29c	75c
MITTENS—A lot of Infants' Mittens, worth up to 30c a pair, Trustee's price for choice.....	COMFORTS—A lot of home- made Calico Com- forts, Fair's price \$1.25—Trustee's price for choice.....	A TABLE loaded with Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Capes, Silk Waists and Children's Dresses— The "Fair's" regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 garments—Trustee's price for choice.....	CORSETS—A large assortment of Fine Cashmere Cor- sets, Fair's price 75c and \$1.00—Trustee's price for choice.....	MUFFS—A lot of Ladies' Mink Muffs, Fair's price \$2.00, Trustee's price for choice.....
10c	\$1.29	\$1.00	39c	75c
LADIES' HATS—A lot of Ladies' Hats, trimmed with feathers, Fair's price 30c to 50c each, Trustee's price for choice.....	DRESS GOODS—toned fancy imported Dress Goods, Fair's price 25c, Trustee's price for choice.....	LADIES' CAPES of fine Plush, "The Fair's" price, \$3.50; Trustee's price.....	FASCINATORS—Ladies' Fas- cinators, all kinds, worth up to \$1.00—Trustee's price for choice.....	JEWELRY—Waist Sets, Children's Chain Sets, Brooches, Rhinestone Pins, Rings, etc., Trustee's price for choice.....
10c	25c	\$1.98	39c	19c
BOAS—A lot of Coque Feather Boas, 14 yards long, Fair's price \$1.00, Trustee's price for choice.....	PLAIDS—A lot of Handsome bright designs, Fair's price \$1.00 a yard, Trustee's price for choice.....	LADIES' JACKETS and Capes—all fine ones—the Fair's prices up to \$10.00 each—Trustee's price for choice of the mixed lot.....	NECKWEAR—Fancy Neckwear and Collarettes, all kinds, Fair's price up to \$1.00— Trustee's price for choice.....	JEWELRY—A large lot of Hat Or- naments, all kinds, worth up to 25c each— Trustee's price for choice.....
25c	3c	\$2.00	19c	2c

TO RETAILERS: Whatever Goods Remain at Close of This Sale Will Be Offered in Bulk on Jan. 6 to
Retailers. Watch Out for Rich Chances. Store for Sale or Lease. Fixtures for Sale.

THOUGHT THEY WERE MARRIED

Mathew Nack Thought a Marriage Li-
cense Was a Certificate.

Mathew Nack of 3921 Florissant avenue
and Miss Sophie Mohr of 208 North 7th
street, wordn Wednesday morning, by sending them
a substantial cash contribution.

They dressed up in their best clothes on
July 26 and came down town. They ap-
plied at the Recorder's office, paid the re-
quisite \$1, received a piece of paper and then
went to housekeeping.

They enjoyed five months of conjugal
happiness, and then somebody told them
they were not married. The remark nearly
caused a riot, and the indignant Mr. Nack
produced his license and waved it triumph-
antly in the face of his traducer.

The situation was then made plain to
him, and Wednesday morning Nack and his
bride, wife or whatever she might be,
accompanied by the lady's mother,
called at the marriage license clerk's win-
dow.

Williams submitted to arrest. He said he
was hungry, and to support himself was
obliged to steal.

He was afterwards learned that Williams
forced an entrance to H. C. Hymon's shoe
store at 124 Middle street earlier in the
night. Nothing was taken.

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Have ten vacant offices to show you. Cor-
ner Sixth and Olive.

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Have a Case of

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For a full case of 24 PINT BOTTLES of the sparkling, effervescent, healthful **CASB CHAM-PACNE**, delivered at your home in ample time for the Christmas celebration. **CASB CHAM-PACNE** is a pure, wholesome wine, made from the finest grapes on the vine-clad hills of Baden, adjoining St. Louis, and fully fermented under the best conditions. Any liquor retailer will take your order and have the case delivered promptly. **CASB WINE CO., 919 N. 6th St., St. Louis.**

MODJESKA JOINS THEM.

She Becomes a Member of the Woman's
Humane Society.

Mme. Modjeska delighted the hearts of
the members of the Woman's Humane So-
ciety Wednesday morning by sending them
a substantial cash contribution.

In return for her generosity the lady di-
rectors sent to the actress a large and beau-
tiful box of flowers.

The ladies further signified their pleas-
ure by calling upon Mme. Modjeska, at her
parlors in the Planters Hotel, and paying
their respects. While there the Madame in-
quired into the condition of the society,
and, having read it, signified her desire to
become a member. She was duly initiated
and her name is now enrolled in the record
of membership.

Will Save Lots of Aggravation.
The Globe's guarantee to keep all clothing
bought of them in repair, and your money
back in every instance if you are not sat-
isfied.

"ANARCHIST" GUETTLE REBELS.

Trouble Is Feared When His License
Fine Is Collected.

The \$500 execution against Frank Guet-
tle, known to his friends and business as-
sociates as "The Anarchist," went into ef-
fect Wednesday morning.

Guettie keeps a saloon and grocery at
201 Gasconade street. He says his busi-
ness has been ruined by the proximity of a
garbage dump, which was established by
the corporation of the city, and in conse-
quence he refuses to pay his saloon li-
cense.

He was fined ten days ago in Judge Zim-
merman's police court with the understanding
that the fine would be remitted if he
took out a license. This Guettie vows he
will not do.

"The Anarchist" has peculiar views about
paying certain obligations, and from his
previous conduct in such matters trouble
is feared when the officers notify him of
the court's order.

FELL DOWN HIS STEPS—Conrad Meyer,
a butcher 68 years old, fell down the
steps at his home, 1511 Cora avenue,
Tuesday night and broke his left wrist.

NORTH AND SOUTH BILL.

City Counselor Says It Will Go to the
Supreme Court.

President Meier of the City Council will
not sign the North and South bill until the
Supreme Court passes on the case.

City Counselor Marshall said Wednesday,
after reading the majority and minority
opinion of the Court of Appeals: "The
opinion of Judge Biggs expresses my views
exactly. The case will go to the Supreme
Court of itself, for the law provides that
where the dissenting Judge thinks the ma-
jority opinion is in conflict with the de-
cisions of the Supreme Court the case must
be passed on by that tribunal."

Went Around Like a Whirlwind
That the Globe, Seventh and Franklin ave-
nue, are selling Good Serviceable Double-
Breasted Suits for Boys at 75c. Those fine
Cheviots and Cassimeres at \$1.45 will sur-
prise you, and those at \$2.45, \$3.50 and \$4.50
beat anything you have ever seen.

CLERK HOLLOCHER'S BURNS.

A Spirit Lamp Overturns in the Hol-
locher Home at Clayton.

Hon. William J. Hollocher, Clerk of the
Circuit Court of St. Louis County, is sur-
ing two badly burned hands and arms.

A spirit lamp



Watches from \$6.00 to \$175.00, and every one will keep correct time.

Open till 10 p. m.

STALHUTTE AND MURPHY FREE.

Prosecuting Attorney Said the Evidence Wouldn't Convict.

ARRESTED WITHOUT WARRANTS

JUDGE MURPHY CALLED ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY JOHNSON TO TASK.

PAULINE WAS NOT IN COURT.

The Man Who Married Her and the Lawyer Who Helped Bring It About Will Not Be Punished.

Bismarck Stalhutte and John T. Murphy, charged with forcing Pauline Hoffman, the alleged German heiress, to become Stalhutte's wife, are free.

Their cases were dismissed by Judge Murphy Wednesday morning on account, the judge said, of the fact that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain the charges.

Pauline Hoffman-Stalhutte was not in court. Her absence was given as the reason for her dismissal.

No witnesses were examined and the court proceedings lasted only a few minutes.

Defendants' attorney, John A. Gernez, moved to quash the information on the ground that the arrest was illegal because the defendants were taken in custody before a warrant was issued.

Tell Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Johnson to come before me," said Judge Murphy to a deputy sheriff.

The deputy returned with the statement that Col. Johnson was too busy to leave the warrant office.

Richard M. Johnson, said the body of the defendant, Col. Johnson, appeared before the bar.

"I want to know," asked Judge Murphy, "if you ordered the arrest of these defendants before you issued a warrant charging them with forcing a woman to marry?"

"Yes, Your Honor," replied Col. Johnson, "because it was 6 o'clock in the evening when the application was made and none of the clerks were here. I knew I would issue the warrant the following morning and I suggested that there need be no further delay in making the arrest."

"Do you know that such action is contrary to law?"

"Well, I ordered the arrest and issued the warrant."

Col. Johnson declared that he was at all times anxious to act within the meaning of the law.

"Your motion to quash is overruled," said Judge Murphy to John Gernez, "because Mr. Johnson's explanation is satisfactory to the court."

Then the case was about to go to trial on the merits when Prosecuting Attorney Mulvihill suggested the absence of his main witness.

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WARNER KISSES HER.

CHAS. DUDLEY SAW DRAMATIC POSSIBILITIES IN "LITTLE BESSIE WOODSON'S" FUTURE.

SPOKE HER PIECE IN SCHOOL.

Mr. Warner's Words Helped Her to Win Her Father's Consent to Go on the Stage.

When Charles Dudley Warner and his party of friends made an extended tour of the South eight or ten years ago they enjoyed several days in Memphis, Tenn. Receptions and various entertainments were given in honor of the distinguished New Yorker, and one day Mr. Warner and his friends visited the public schools.

The scholars and teachers were wholly unprepared for the visitors, and when classes were called upon to be put through their paces in front of the visitors, teachers as well as pupils were embarrassed, not to say sorely tried.

In one room in the primary grade the scholars were asked to recite. A little girl whose brown hair and large expressive eyes made her a picture pleasing to look upon,

When the examinations were held Miss Woodson not only passed but scored higher than any of the other successful candidates.

For a year she attended the Wheatcroft school. She studied conscientiously and won the encouragement and praise of her preceptor. At the end of the term she was no longer an apprentice. It was said of her that she was of all the Wheatcroft pupils, the best fitted for an engagement.

But engagements do not come as diplomas of graduation. They are an entirely different proposition.

Nothing having presented itself just at the time she was leaving the dramatic school, Miss Woodson returned to Memphis for a short visit before going back to New York to face the matter-of-fact side of an actress' career, which is the idly waiting for a summons from some manager, or often daily visits to the offices of the dramatic agents, only to be told, that "nothing has turned up yet, but we will hear of something to-morrow."

Miss Woodson was with her parents in Memphis last year. Miss Kathryn Kidder in "Sane-Gene" was one of the attractions at the leading theater. The thought came to the young aspirant to write to Miss Kidder and ask for an engagement. The answer came promptly, so promptly Miss Woodson feared to read it. The reply was that no changes were contemplated in the company, but the message was kindly and full of encouragement and promise that Miss Woodson should be remembered.

Miss Kidder was true to her word. When the "Sane-Gene" company for 1937-8 was being organized, Miss Woodson was offered the part of the Princess Elisa. She accepted, and that is how the little schoolgirl, who delighted Charles Dudley Warner, became an actress.

"The few moments of active professional life have served only to whet my ambition," says Miss Woodson, "and to make me more determined to overcome all obstacles. I realized the up-hill road I had to travel when I decided to adopt this stage. A beginner finds more discouragement than encouragement, you know. My line, I think, is high comedy. At least that's what I've been told. In the new play, 'Loves at War,' I am cast for a part which gives me greater opportunities than the one I have in 'Sane-Gene.' I expect to show in that part just what I can do."

Death of A. O. Schur. Special to the Post-Dispatch. EL PASO, Ill., Dec. 22.—A. O. Schur, a retired capitalist of this city, died of apoplexy at 10 o'clock this morning. He was 82 years old and had been ill for several days. Mr. Schur was one of the founders of El Paso's first bank.

Jury Commission Law Valid. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 22.—The State Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the new jury commission law.

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She all but won his unqualified consent, when she reminded him of what Mr. Warner had said. She went to the late Nelson Wheatcroft, who conducted the Lyceum School of Acting, and told him of her ambition. He listened sympathetically and then laid before her the chance she had to become his pupil without the customary tuition fee.

Did Miss Woodson think she could pass? She was given the necessary conditions and she set herself at once to mastering

MUST SKIP SUNDAY.

STATE SUPREME COURT DECIDES IT DOES NOT COUNT IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL.

THE MAY CASE REMANDED.

Charles May Goes Free and George May Gets a New Trial on Account of the Time Error.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—In the case of the State vs. George May and Charles May, Division No. 2 of the Supreme Court today reversed and remanded the verdict of murder in the first degree against George May, and reversed the verdict of the same kind against Charles May, and decided him released. The Mays were convicted by the Circuit Court of Buchanan County for murdering W. S. Burdette in that county in February, 1936. The opinion was written by Judge Sherwood and concurred in by each of the other two judges.

In the opinion the court holds that Sunday must not be counted in the twenty-four hours allowed defendants in murder trials to make their jury challenges. The judge in the opinion says that "twenty-four working hours and what the statute means and that it does not require either lawyers or judges to work on Sundays."

The record showed that the list of jurors was given to the defendants at 12 o'clock on Saturday and at 10:30 a. m. on Monday following, over the objection of the defendants' attorneys, the trial court required the defendants to announce their challenges.

Charles May is discharged because of the lack of evidence to substantiate the charge, but George May will have a new trial. The ruling took place on the request of counsel for George May, who is now in the county jail, and was the result of an old grudge because Burdette would not allow George May to set traps on his land to catch skunks. George May did the killing, and at the time was in company with Charles May, his nephew.

In the case of Cornwell, et al., respondents, vs. Wulf, appellant, in Division No. 2 of the Supreme Court, in an opinion by Gantt, P. J., in which Sherwood and Burdette concurred, the judgment of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County is affirmed. This is an action of ejectment for certain lands where the defendant claims to have recovered judgment for possession and rents and profits and defendant appealed to the Supreme Court.

This is the second appeal in the case and was taken to have the court review its opinion and judgment in Cornwell vs. Ortland, 128 Mo. 332, and overrule those cases and incidentally to determine the validity of the 50 Mo. 186, decided in 1872, by the Supreme Court. In the opinion the court says: "As the other points involved in Cornwell vs. Ortland are no longer urged, the Circuit Court having been in strict conformity to our former judgment, it is affirmed."

Other decisions were as follows: Ridenour-Baker Grocery Company vs. Monroe; reversed with directions. St. Joseph vs. Crowther; reversed and remanded.

Motions: Sherlock vs. K. C. Bell railway; motion for rehearing and transfer to court in banc overruled. Loring vs. Groomer; rehearing denied. Barlett vs. Loring; rehearing denied. Division No. 2 adjourned to Jan. 8, 1938.

The twenty-six criminal cases pending in Division No. 3 of the Supreme Court will be argued and submitted Jan. 6, 1938, instead of Jan. 4, as previously docketed. Court continued the cases until Jan. 6 and adjourned until that date. The pool-room cases are included in this number.

ARTIST M'CORD BROKE A LEG.

Slipped on the Ice and Fell With Serious Results.

Peter McCord, chief artist of the Globe-Democrat, slipped on the ice Wednesday morning and broke his leg. He was removed to his brother's house, 4100 Pine street. His injuries are very painful.

MR. CHAMBERS RESIGNS.

New Local Manager for Bradstreet's After Jan. 1.

R. Stuart Chambers may not be local manager of Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency for the St. Louis area after Jan. 1, 1938. He has resigned to accept a position as Philadelphia representative of the American Credit and Indemnity Co. of New York. Mr. Chambers has been at the head of Bradstreet's St. Louis agency for five years. While Mr. Chambers' resignation is now in the hands of President Charles F. Clark of New York, that official has not yet accepted it and is anxious to retain the St. Louis manager. At the local office Wednesday it was said that nothing was known there as to who would succeed Mr. Chambers.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are excellent for the relief of Hoarseness or Sore Throat.

Lake Shore and Other Dividends. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Lake Shore and the Canadian Southern and the Michigan Central railways have declared the regular semi-annual dividends on the stocks of their respective companies.

The estimated statement of the Lake Shore for the year ending Dec. 31, 1937, compared with Dec. 31, 1936, as compared with 1935, as follows: Gross earnings, \$12,530,000; decrease, \$1,800,000; operating expenses, \$10,000,000; decrease, \$1,700,000; net, \$2,530,000; decrease, \$1,800,000; surplus after charges to Michigan Central, \$2,000,000; decrease, \$1,000,000; to Canada Southern, \$2,000,000; decrease, \$1,000,000.

Terries' Murderer Remanded. LONDON, Dec. 22.—Richard Arthur Prince, the super who assassinated William Terries, the actor, outside of the Adelphi Theater on Thursday last, was brought up on remand at the Bow Street Station charged with the crime and was remanded. The court was crowded with theatrical people.

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All Toys and Holiday Goods must be sold before Xmas. We've got too many of the following (and others) and they must be sold regardless of cost or even loss.

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\$8.98 Patrol Wagon—the best and most complete made—loud gong and handsomely painted—for boys to pull or hitch up animals—in regular price \$8.98—choice All Day Thursday (and there isn't anything that makes a boy holler with delight as a wagon of this sort) for—\$6.49

\$5.50 Patrol Wagon—a beauty with blue body and red wheels (or vice versa)—yellow stripes—gold star and letters—seats for driver, officer and hoodlums—fine, loud-sounding gong—all day Thursday—\$3.98



Long as They Last.

Wheelbarrows of good hardwood; regular 50c quality—large size—29c cut to—\$1.98

Horse and Cart drivers, made of enduring iron—\$1.98

Motors—Self-propelling, strong, enduring running gear and worth \$2.75—cut for years—\$1.98

Desk—with stool and double blackboard, for boy or girl—\$1.25 quality—cut to—85c

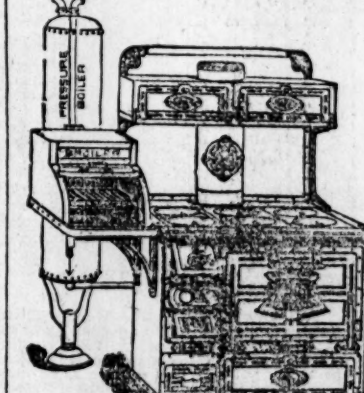
Folding Bed for little girl's dolly—has a nice mirror—handsome oak frame and worth \$1.25—\$79c

Dolls and shut eyes, beautiful made wig—worth 75c—choice while they last—45c



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DIVORCE MILL GRIST.

Domestic Troubles Aired Before Judge Talty Wednesday.

In Judge Talty's Court Wednesday Cornelius Van der Beck said he had married Minerva A. Van der Beck in 1886, and that for six years she quarreled with him from San Francisco to St. Petersburg, Russia. She quarreled with him all the time he was with her. His case was taken under advisement.

Alice Williams was more lucky. Judge Talty gave her the divorce she desired on her statement that her husband had beaten her because she refused to sign over all her property to him and deprive her children of it.

Alice E. Roberts wanted a divorce from Mrs. H. Roberts because she said he was brute and beat her until she had to have him sent to the work-house. Frank C. Welch was given a divorce because his wife, Lillian K. Welch, had deserted him.

Delivered by a Carrier Pigeon. That the Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue, sell Boys' Chinchilla Reckers, handsomely trimmed and pearl buttons, at \$1.50. The best in the land at \$2.45, \$2.95 and \$4.50.

THEY RESTED AFTER THE BALL.

Building Trades Convention Holding Its Final Session. Delegates to the National Building Trades Council took Wednesday morning off to rest after the ball.

There was no session of the body before noon, but at 1 o'clock the discussion of a constitution and by-laws came up. The adoption of these will conclude the convention's work.

Officers elected Tuesday morning are: Edward Carroll of Chicago, president; Theodore B. Jones, Kansas City, first vice-president; J. P. Healy, Washington, D. C., second vice-president; A. J. Franz, Milwaukee, third vice-president; J. F. Harvey, Milwaukee, fourth vice-president; M. F. Carrick, Pittsburgh, fifth vice-president, and C. S. Leavelle, East St. Louis, sixth vice-president.

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Ladies' Suits—Springer's price \$10, Fire Sale Price \$5.00

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SALVATION ARMY LASSIES ON SKATES AT POST-DISPATCH LAKE.

They Glide Gracefully Over the Ice, Bearing Contribution Boxes, and Solicit Funds for the Great Christmas Dinner for Which Seven Thousand Tickets Have Already Been Issued.

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"Salvation Army Boy" 1.00
"Cash" 1.00
"Little Girl" .38
"Cash" 1.00
"E. E. B." 1.00
Post-Dispatch Lake in Forest Park is frozen as solid as Greenland's icy mountain and thousands of skaters are daily taking advantage of its glossy surface. Rare winter sport is to be had on Post-Dispatch Lake, and the Salvation Army is represented in the throng.

But the Army has another purpose in view than pleasure when it goes skating. While taking the exhilarating exercise the lassies seek contributions for the great Christmas dinner which has been told about time and again in the Post-Dispatch.

Additional funds are absolutely necessary to the success of this worthy undertaking. Wednesday and Thursday will close the contributions. Donations, to be of practical service, must come in not later than Thursday night.

Skaters are a jolly crowd as a rule, and Maj. Miles of the Salvation Army decided that it would be a good plan to send some of his helpers to participate in the festivities at Post-Dispatch Lake.

This lake represents a great charity. The excavation for it furnished employment for thousands of men four winters ago, and it is estimated that 10,000 persons were enabled to tide over a severe winter by the money which came to those for whom the Post-Dispatch found work. This lake has furnished many hours of pleasure for St. Louisans, and it is a fitting place for the solicitation of funds for this great Christmas dinner.

Tuesday night the start was made by Cadets Clara Meyer and Ella Mark. They were accompanied by Mrs. May Miles and a reporter for the Post-Dispatch. There was not much opportunity on this occasion for the ladies to secure funds, as Park Police Officer Underwood and Horniker courteously notified them of a rule prohibiting the solicitation of funds for any purpose. However, the skaters showed a disposition to contribute, and some dimes and nickels slipped into the contribution boxes. Wednesday Mayor Ziegenhain was asked

for a permit which will enable the zealous workers to carry out their plan, and this evening the cadets will be at Post-Dispatch Lake urging the merry-makers to aid them in providing the Christmas treat for the poor.

The lassies will not stand on the bank and wait for lovers of the exhilarating sport to come from the ice. Tuesday night they demonstrated their ability to hold their own with the best of them.

When Cadet Mark was a little girl up at Lexington, her old home, she learned to skate on the Missouri River. She is a Belleville girl and is grateful on the ice, Mrs. May Miles, who chaperoned the cadets, shook her head when invited to try the sport.

"I feel more at home on plain, every day ground," she said.

While the cadets cut figure eights and other fancy curves Mrs. Miles mingled with the throng, and she is grateful on the ice, Mrs. May Miles, who chaperoned the cadets, shook her head when invited to try the sport.

Thursday there will be no time for skating, because Maj. Miles will place every available helper on prominent down town street corners to repeat the plan of soliciting which was introduced last Saturday.

The personnel of the solicitors, together with their respective locations, will be announced in the Post-Dispatch, Thursday. Maj. Miles has not yet determined the assignments.

Contributions continue to come in, but the fund is still short. Immediate action is necessary. Maj. Miles believes the charitable public is willing enough, but inclined to delay. He urgently appeals to all who intend to help to do so at once, so the work of preparing the great dinner may go on without interruption.

Seven thousand tickets for the dinner were sent out yesterday among the worthy poor. It is hoped to feed at least twice 7,000.

A trip to Post-Dispatch Lake is well worth while at any time, and Wednesday afternoon and evening, while the Salvation lassies are on the ice, there is a novelty that adds much to the occasion. These young women carry their contribution boxes while skating and move as gracefully as those not handicapped by burdens.

Following is one of many letters received by Maj. Miles:

EULEMA LODGE, NO. 321, K. OF P., ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20, 1897.

Maj. Charles Miles, Esq., Commander Salvation Army of Missouri:

Dear Sir:—I can assure you that it is a great pleasure to aid your fund. I enclosed find our check for \$2.50 as a donation for your Christmas dinner to the poor of our city. I can assure you that your noble efforts do good to the poor of St. Louis are highly appreciated by the members of this lodge. Wishing you and your

coworkers of the Salvation Army a merry Christmas and, with God's help, a happy and prosperous New Year. I remain, sincerely yours, H. J. CONWAY, K. of P. and S.

In order to make the charity dinner the success contemplated by the Salvation Army, immediate contributions are necessary. Give something, and do so today. Send checks or cash to Maj. Miles, 1411 Franklin avenue, or to the Post-Dispatch. Donations of provisions should be sent to 1411 Franklin avenue.

The following letter was received by the Post-Dispatch, Wednesday: The barrel of game so kindly forwarded will be sent to the Salvation Army for the Christmas dinner.

H. G. BEGEMAN, GENERAL MERCHANDISE JONESBURG, Mo., Dec. 21, 1897.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: Dear Sir:—I shipped you this day, per freight, one barrel of game for the poor of the city. I was not to let it go until I had secured your care, supposing it would be O. K. Yours truly, H. G. BEGEMAN.

GEO. BROWN'S MASTIFF BITES.

Miss Halman and John Russman Will Have the Dog in Court.

George Brown of 619 Antelope street, has a big mastiff dog whose viciousness is the terror of the surrounding neighborhood. The dog has a score of victims to his discredit.

Among them are Miss Amelia Halman and John Russman, residing at 619 Antelope street. Both were severely bitten by the dog a few days ago while passing Brown's house.

Miss Halman's hand was badly lacerated, and young Russman was bitten on the leg. Each procured a police summons against Brown, Wednesday, charging him with carelessly allowing his brutal animal to run wild. Incidentally they will petition Judge Stevenson, who will try the case, have the dog shot.

MICHIGAN TAX DECISION.

If It Stands the State Will Lose Thousands.

LANCING, Mich., Dec. 22.—Hundreds of tax titles in Michigan have been rendered worthless by a decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the Connecticut Mutual Fire Insurance Co. against Wood, the effect of the decision being that when lands are bid off to the State for taxes of one year and are still held by the State, such lands cannot again be sold for the delinquent taxes of succeeding years. The decision completely upsets the usual procedure in the office of the State Auditor General, and means a loss of many thousands of dollars to the State. The effect of the decision is so grave that a rehearing of the case will be asked.

The Iron Mountain Route is the best and over three hours the quickest to Los Angeles, and is the only line operating a solid vestibuled train of Pullman sleeping and dining cars through to the coast without change.

GRIERSON'S BUSY PHONE.—The busiest telephone in town is located at Grierson's big livery stables, 3230 Locust street. Albert S. Grierson, bridge-maker of eleven months, was presented with two baby boys yesterday morning. This morning his friends heard of it. So did he.

EVEN IN EUROPE HE FELT UNEASY.

Remorseful Fred Morrissey Comes Back to Confess.

TOOK \$400 FROM HIS FIRM.

CHICAGO YOUTH SURRENDERS HIMSELF IN CHIEF HARRIGAN'S OFFICE.

RAN AWAY FROM HOME NOV. 3.

Since Then He Traveled Through England, France and Germany, but Not Once, He Says, Could He Forget His Crime.

"I am sick and tired of being a fugitive. I have traveled at breakneck speed over France, Germany, England and the United States, trying to leave behind the memory of a crime. I cannot do it. I am haunted wherever I go. I want to surrender."

Thus spoke a slender lad of 22 years as he entered Chief Harrigan's office at the Four Courts Wednesday morning and addressed Secretary Espy.

The self-confessed fugitive gave the name of Fred Morrissey. He told Chief Harrigan's secretary that he was wanted in Chicago on a charge of embezzlement.

A glance at the police records showed that Fred Morrissey had been advertised as a fugitive. He tells his story without hesitation.

"For several months prior to Nov. 3 of this year," said Morrissey, "I was employed by Seay, Roebuck & Co., a large mail order house, 82 Fulton street, Chicago. On Nov. 3 I was instructed to buy 400 worth of stamps. That amount of money was entrusted to me and I left my place of business without intending to do anything wrong. But an evil instinct crept over me. I met some friends to whom I was under obligations and I spent a small portion of the money in treating them. This was a foolish idea."

"I could not make good the shortage immediately, because I had only a few minutes to remain away from my office. A thought and thoughts flashed through my mind, and I reasoned with my better judgment that I was doing hard work for a small salary. I needed money. Here was an opportunity. I sawed the small sum I had spent, I had \$400—enough to carry me far from Chicago and its work and worry. The evil impulse got the better of me. I yielded."

"From Chicago I went to Harrisburg, Pa. There I imagined that the Pinkertons were after me, and I left at once for Philadelphia. From Philadelphia I went to New York. Every day added to my terror. I fancied that I would be arrested every time I turned a corner."

"I thought I could find peace in Europe. I had plenty of money for a cheap trip. Seven days out from New York I landed in London. I had not thought of the cable, until I was roaming the streets of the big English city. From that time on I was haunted worse than ever. What would be come of me, if arrested in a foreign country?"

"I went to Paris. Everything was so strange there. It was much worse than London. I felt as if I would go mad. Without any definite aim, I went from Paris to Berlin. There I was still unhappy. I was bewildered in the midst of foreign surroundings. I was running short of money in Berlin, and I determined to spend what I had left to reach the United States."

"After a three weeks' stay in Europe, during which I was ever on the go, I sailed for New York. I worked my way west the best I could and reached Chicago a few days ago. I intended to surrender, but my courage failed me, and I hurried out of town. I arrived in St. Louis last night. I determined when I awoke this morning that I would terminate my existence as a fugitive. I prefer prison, if I must be punished."

Morrissey is not a bad looking youth. He was turned over to Chief Desmond, who ordered him locked up in the hold-over, pending communication with Chicago.

A remarkable part of Morrissey's experience as a fugitive is the immense area over which he has traveled since he left Chicago, Nov. 3.

GRAVE BENEATH A STREET.

Telegraph Company Employee Brings Up Bones With His Pick.

George Leutz, a laborer, 2323 South Twelfth street, made a gruesome discovery Wednesday morning while digging a hole for a telegraph pole in front of 1330 South Seventh street.

He had dug down about two feet when he struck a grave in which were found several human bones.

The bones were removed to the Morgue.

Funny Combination.

A short-legged man and a long-legged man—still, the Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue, can fit all. See the Union Cassimere Pants at 68c; others at 85c, \$1.45 and up to the finest Baltimore Merchant Tailor—Made at \$3.95 take the cake.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

An Aged Crippled Woman Lost Her Life at a Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Freda Schmitt, aged and crippled, was overcome by smoke and died within a few feet of safety, during a fire which broke out in the house in which she lived on East Ninety-fifth street, before daylight to-day. Every effort was made to save her life by her two daughters, but their strength gave out and they were forced to abandon their mother and barely escaped death themselves. About a score of others were rescued by the police and firemen. The fire originated among some Christmas decorations in a candy store on the first floor.

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That is just what we want to do—to interest women of intellect and refinement; for in America that is equivalent to interesting the great mass of the feminine population.

The Puritan

has always gone on the theory that the American gentlewoman did not need to be approached as if she were feeble minded, or ignorant of the rudimentary laws of conduct. Two of the subjects to which our correspondent objects are so well exploited in other periodicals that we have not felt it necessary to increase the inane mass of literary "goo"; but Home—that is quite another thing. Get the December PURITAN and see what it is like.

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Collector of Revenue.

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BOSTON RUBBER STORE,

COR. FOURTH ST. AND WASHINGTON AV.

BOSTON DEMOCRATS WON.

Quincy Re-Elected Mayor and the Local Legislature Divided.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Complete and revised returns from the 131 voting precincts of this city show that Mayor Josiah Quincy (Dem.) was re-elected yesterday by a plurality of 4,073 votes.

Mr. Quincy received 20,000 votes, Edwin U. Curtis (Rep.), 15,921; Thomas Riley (Irish Dem.), 1,321; and David Goldstein (Socialist Labor), 57. Quincy's majority over all is 31. The total vote this year was nearly 1,000 greater than in 1896.

Each of the two leading candidates receiving within a few hundred votes of the same number that they did two years ago and Mr. Quincy's plurality was within 221 votes of what it was then. The Board of Alder-

men, according to unofficial returns is evenly divided—six Democrats and six Republicans having been elected. This is a loss of one Republican member.

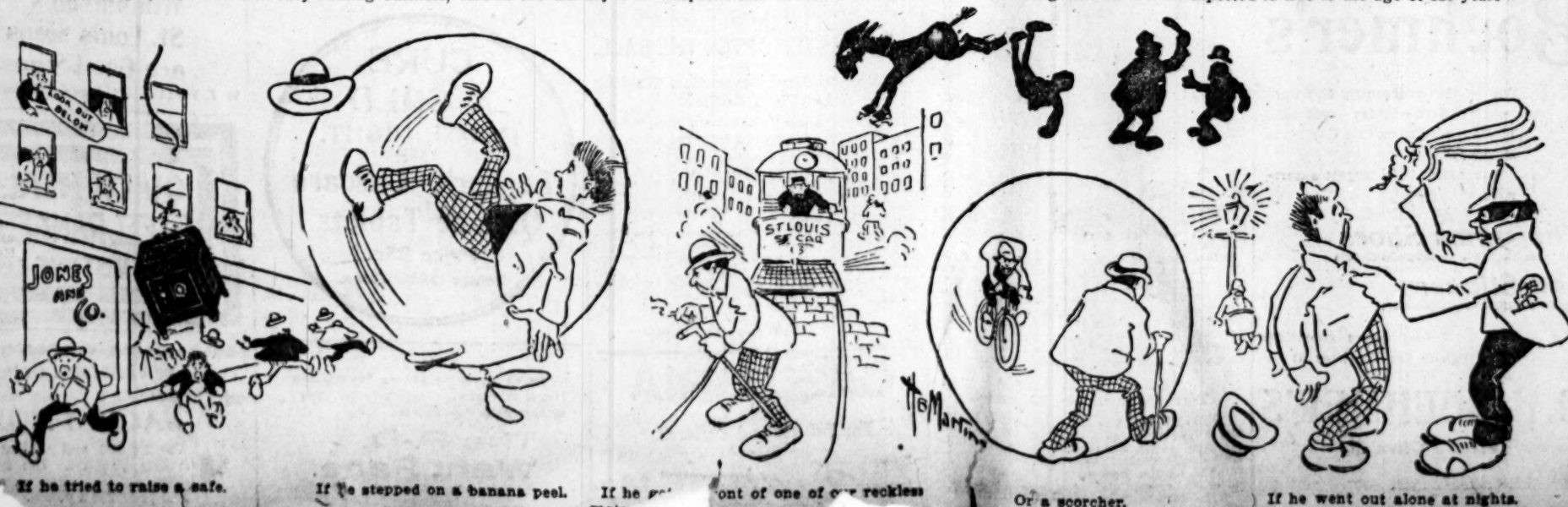
RETURN OF THE ALLIANCE.

Long Cruise of the United States Training Ship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The United States training ship Alliance passed in at Sandy Hook early to-day. This finishes a long cruise for the Alliance. She left Newport R. I. June 23, with a full complement of apprentices and the first port visited was Southampton, where she arrived July 21, after which she proceeded to Charleston, Gibraltar, Madeira, the Azores and St. Thomas in the West Indies, and spent a short time in each port.

HOW HE MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED.

Moses Meyer, who is in the heavy hauling business, said in the Sunday Post-Dispatch that he had discovered the secret of long life and that he expected to live to the age of 125 years



If he tried to raise a safe.

If he stepped on a banana peel.

If he

ont of one of e reckless

Or a scorcher.

If he went out alone at night.

TORN POCKET AND BROWN BUTTON THE ONLY CLEWS TO A MURDER.

Fifth District Police at Sea In Searching for the Robber Who Killed Old Jacob Weinand.

MOST BRUTAL CRIME OF RECENT YEARS.

The Old Man Was Insane and Had a Delusion That He Was Fabulously Rich—It Was to Secure This Supposed Wealth He Was Choked to Death.



THE TWO CLEWS.

The police of the Fifth District have two clues of the murderers of aged Jacob Weinand, who was choked to death at his home, 83 Bellefontaine road, Tuesday afternoon, as told in a Post-Dispatch extra.

One clue is a small, light brown button, probably from a coat, and the other is the lining torn from a coat pocket. They indicate that the old man did not give up his life without a struggle.

That the robbers went to the house prepared to do murder was established by Dr. Nietert, who made a post-mortem at the morgue Wednesday.

In the throat of the corpse, at the bron-

what had happened. I only knew my husband was dead on the floor.

"There was the wardrobe drawer upon which my husband had been at work. His plane was beside it. The floor was littered with the contents of all the drawers in the room. The drawer of the kitchen cupboard had even been pulled out and its contents scattered over the floor. Everything was in disorder.

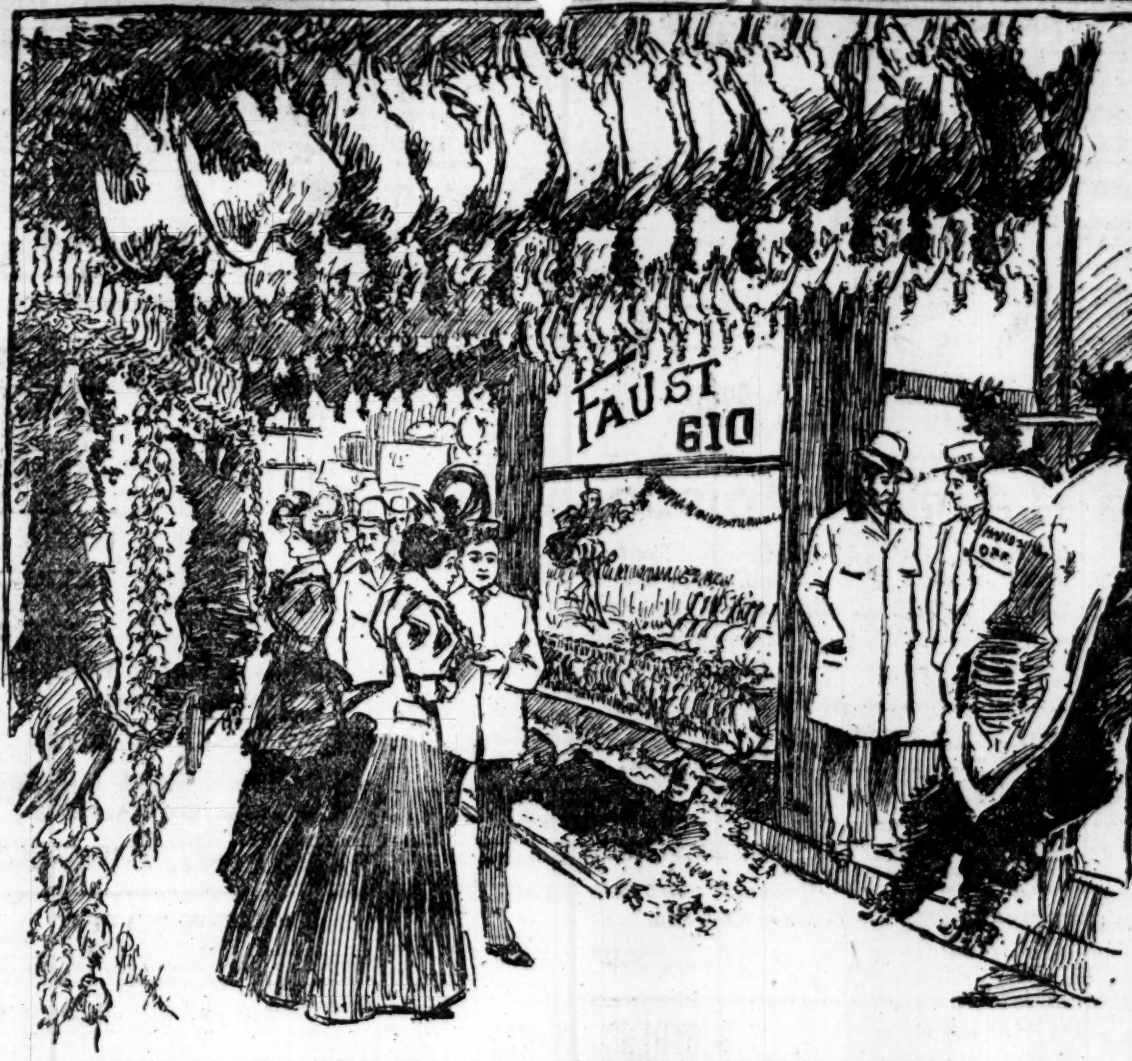
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Mrs. Weinand then screamed. Mrs. Pauline Weinand, who lives on the floor below, and Hermann Fokett, who has a food store at 425 North Broadway, the rear of which opens on the court in which is the Weinand's entrance, ran up stairs and into the kitchen.

Fokett cut the cords binding the dead man's hands and feet. The cords had been drawn so tight that the flesh was cut. The rope was part of a clothes line that had been left hanging in the kitchen. Over his face a black silk muffler had been tied, forming a gag for the mouth. Over this muffler a towel was tied.

Beyond the torn pocket and the brown button the police have little to work on. The old man left the food store at 3 o'clock and went home. Mrs. Weinand, who lives down stairs, got in at 4:15 o'clock. Her kitchen is directly under the steps leading to the Weinand rooms above.

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VIEW OF FAUST'S REMARKABLE DISPLAY OF THE RAREST GAME OF TWO CONTINENTS.

Crowds of curious spectators were assembled around 610 Olive street all day Wednesday, viewing the remarkable display of fine and rare game held out in artistic disorder in front of Faust's new Fulton Market. The front of the magnificent market is beautifully decorated with evergreens, in festoons and garlands, and hanging from the eaves of the canopy is a wonderful display of the rarest game of two continents. Above the front window is a row of beautiful white turkeys. Faust has received 100 turkeys from Bremen, N. D., where they were raised specially for the Fulton Market. Fastened around the eaves of the canopy of porch are a large number of wild turkeys, intermingled with which were canvas back, teal and mallard ducks, quail, etc.

On the porch of the porch are two immense black bears from the Rocky Mountains, and as companion pieces to them are hung the Southern colored citizen's delight—sawmills and a great number of immense jack rabbits.

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The bears attracted more attention than all the rest of the display, owing to the fact that few if any of the spectators had ever before seen this animal, so famed in song and story.

The display is duplicated at the original Faust Fulton Market at Broadway and Elm. At both markets there is to be found every delicacy that goes to please the inner man on the day of all days—Christmas—when the appetite should be regaled to the full extent of the pocket-book.

money and was being pursued by thieves. Although discharged as cured, he was never mentally right on the subject of money and to acquaintances and strangers alike he boasted of his wealth, and those who listened to his story could easily believe he had large sums of money concealed.

These stories caused the man to be marked by robbers. In August a note, purporting to come from the Water Commissioner's office, deceived Weinand to the City Hall.

In his absence two men visited the house. Mrs. Weinand wouldn't let them in, and they tried to force the screen door, which she had locked. Her screams aroused the neighbors, and the men were frightened off. They jumped into a buggy and drove away.

Mrs. Weinand doesn't remember how these men looked, but a negro woman living in the yard saw them and would have been able to identify them. She died recently. October 19 last, while Weinand and his wife were awake in the house, a burglar broke into the house and ransacked it in the same fashion as was done Tuesday.

The robbers were after big booty was shown by the fact that Weinand's purse, containing \$1 cent, was found in his pocket when the dead body was examined.

Several years ago there was a club-room next door to Weinand, and the old man had

much trouble with the members, and a few fights. Wednesday afternoon the police began an examination of the former members of this club.

One of the men held in the Fourth District holdover is Joseph E. Russell, one of the best known young men in North St. Louis.

He rented the house at 454 North Broadway from the murdered man and the windows of his kitchen overlook the steps leading to Weinand's rooms. Young Russell, who is now in jail, was arrested Tuesday night, and his relatives say he led to his arrest. They object to having him classed as a police character and say he was never before arrested.

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"We had the drag net out last night and got in all the suspicious characters we could find. Harry McGilley, Eugene Donnelly, 19; Harry McGilley, William Heneman, 24; John Burns, 24; Joseph Russell, 25. All were released except the two, whose stories are being investigated."

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In This Manner the Close of the Opportunity Is Emphasized.

And Doctor Copeland Makes Positive the Notice That the \$5 Rate Only Obtains During the Remaining Days of the Year 1897—It Will Under No Circumstances Be Renewed or Continued After Jan. 1.

Nine days mark the absolute close of the \$5 period. Doctor Copeland has been more than generous in extending the rate. It will not be extended again.

Doctor Copeland feels that he is acting with the same good faith now, in giving positive notice of the ABSOLUTE EXPIRATION of the rate, that he has always shown, although he knows that by so doing he is enabling many patients to take advantage of a low rate of treatment, who might otherwise apply later at a higher rate, but he desires to be entirely fair to all.

Therefore, those who have been reading these articles and have been impressed by this evidence at their own doors, but have not yet taken treatment, as well as those who have applied and were unable for one reason or another to continue treatment, are now notified that there are BUT NINE DAYS in which the \$5 rate will be given.

The reasons for giving the rate, the impossibility of its indefinite maintenance under the NEW METHODS without actual loss, have been repeatedly set forth.

And during this entire month Doctor Copeland has endeavored to make it just as clear as he could that he would, under no circumstances, maintain this rate after January 1.

This notice is absolute and final, on Friday, December 31, at 9 o'clock in the evening, the \$5 rate will be withdrawn and will never again be given in this practice.

All patients applying for treatment and all patients renewing treatment before January 1, 1898, will be treated UNTIL CURED at the uniform rate of \$5 a month, medicines included. This applies to all patients and all diseases.

CHRISTMAS DAY—OFFICE HOURS, 10 A. M. TO 1 P. M.



"I was so deaf that in crossing the streets I had several narrow escapes from being run over by carriages and street cars, as I could not hear them approaching."

A. M. ALLEN, 2700 Pine Street, Cured of Deafness and Head Noises by Doctor Copeland.

Completely Cured of Deafness and Head Noises.

A. M. Allen, 2700 Pine St. "For some time I had been deaf in both ears and was also bothered with noises in the head."

"I couldn't hear a watch tick nor even the loud ticking of a clock, which is in my room. When anyone spoke to me in an ordinary tone of voice, I heard the sound, but did not understand what was said, and always had to ask for several repetitions. I was so deaf that in crossing the streets I had several narrow escapes from being run over by carriages and street cars, as I could not hear them approaching. So you can realize the danger I was in at all times. It was no pleasure at all to attend church or go to a lecture, as I could not understand what was said."

"The noises in my head were very troublesome. Sometimes they were like the whistle of the cars; then again there was

One of Doctor Copeland's Lectures upon the condition of impaired hearing relates solely to head noises (condition known by the doctors as Tinnitus Aurium). This paper will be mailed free to any address.

"The Copeland treatment is wonderfully gentle compared with that of other doctors, and I am very enthusiastic in its favor, as it restored my hearing when I was rapidly approaching total deafness."

"Now I can hear perfectly and am entirely relieved of the noises in the head."

"Whenever I Meet Any One Who Is Deaf."

A. A. Simpson, 2101 S. Jefferson avenue: "Doctor Copeland cured me of deafness four years ago and since then my hearing has been absolutely perfect. When I went to him I was suffering from deafness in both ears, which had been gradually getting worse for some time."

"I was bothered also with ringing noises in the head, which were very aggravating. In my business as a carpenter, deafness interfered considerably, and made it unpleasant for me at the time."

"I am delighted that my hearing is restored, and whenever I meet anyone who is deaf I always recommend him to go to Doctor Copeland, because I personally know what a great affliction deafness is and also know that Doctor Copeland cured me perfectly and permanently."

Able to Resume Business. W. R. Read, Bellevue, Mo.: "I was so deaf that I had to sell my store; but now my hearing is restored and I have started in business again."

HOME TREATMENT BY MAIL. Patients who live at a distance can be treated with perfect success by the aid of the Copeland symptom blank and patients' report sheets, and any one, on application, can get the opinion and valuable advice of these eminent specialists FREE OF CHARGE. If you live away from the city write for Home Treatment.

CONSULTATION FREE. Copeland Medical Institute

DR. W. H. COPELAND, Consulting DR. J. E. THOMPSON, (Physician)

Rooms 201, 202 and 203 Odd Fellows' Building, 845 Olive Street, Opp. Post-Office.

Hours—9 a. m. to 1 p. m.; 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.; 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.; Sundays, 10 a. m. to 12 p. m.

A MUMMER PLAY.

Men Suspected of Impersonating Detectives Arrested at Union Station.

John Carpenter and Charles Andrews, said by the police to be confidence men, were arrested near the Union Station Wednesday.

Rolls made to resemble large sums of money were found on both prisoners. The police will try to have them identified as the men who have been fleeing strangers around the Union Station by impersonating detectives.

RECKLESS SLAUGHTER.

THE STOCK OF THE BUSTED "FAIR" GOING FOR A SONG.

Outfits for Men, Women and Children Now Below Cost of Pro.

duction.

These are great days for bargain buyers. Immense crowds at the busted "Fair," Seventh and Franklin avenues, are carrying away the most wonderful bargains of the year.

The slaughter is awful. Clothing, dry goods, shoes, hats, furnishing goods, millinery, carpets and curtains are almost given away. Toys and holiday goods and everything held in for the Xmas trade are being pushed out regardless of cost or value.

The opportunities in the sale of the busted "Fair" are tremendous, and every one should take the fullest possible advantage of them, both for present and future needs. Dollars are counting there as they never counted before, for the creditors of the concern are determined to get their money out of it at once.

With this sale the "Fair" passes out of existence. The building is for rent, the fixtures are for sale.

Shot While Hunting.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

BETHAN, Dec. 22.—Charles Reynolds of Hatfield, north of this place, while hunting, was accidentally shot and instantly killed.

Preached a Splendid Sermon.

On the Black Double-Breasted Thicket Suits for young men up to 30 years and only \$5. Great Baltimore Clothing Sale. Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue.

Mrs. Booth Improved.

NEW Dec. 22.—Mrs. Ballington Booth, who is suffering from aneurism, passed a quiet night and was somewhat improved this morning, but her condition is still very serious.

HE SENDS IT FREE

A Never Failing Remedy That Makes a Man Young Again.

TRUE MANLINESS QUICKLY REPLACES THE WORN OUT NERVES AND VIGOR.

When a man's strength and vigor is slowly wasting away from nervous weakness, the mental fog-bodily are ten times worse than the most severe pain. There is no let up to the mental suffering of night. For years the writer rolled and tossed on the troubled sea of nervous debility, emaciated, lame back and the various other troubles of Sexual Weakness, until it was a question whether he had not better take a dose of poison and thus end all his troubles. But providential inspiration came to him in the shape of a combination of medicines that completely restored his general health and enlarged his weak, emaciated parts to natural size and vigor, and he now declares that any man, young or old, who will take the trouble to send his name and address may have free full particulars of this wonderful home treatment, which quickly restores me to my full strength and vigor of youth. Now when I say free I mean absolutely without cost, because I want every weakened man to get the benefit of my experience.

There are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as this one that cured me. Send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth, although they cost nothing to get, are worth a fortune to some men and make a lifetime of happiness to most of us.

Write to Thomas Slater, 116 Masonic Temple, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain, sealed envelope.

NUMBERS.

Lord of Mirth. Elizabeth von Sall.

Valiant French. Helen Black.

Little Bull. John Rogers.

Baron Bull. Corinne Glaser.

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TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it.

GRAIN-O has that rich meal-brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. It is the price of coffee; 10c and 20c per package, sold by all grocers.

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FIGHT AGAINST THE CABANNE PLACE FRANCHISE GRAB PROBABLY WON.

Council Committee Reports Against the Bill, Thus Announcing Another Victory for the Post-Dispatch in a Battle for the People.

The Cabanne Place Railway grab received a body blow.

The fight which the Post-Dispatch assisted the people to make against the grab is a winning one.

The Council Committee on Railroads yesterday unanimously denied a report that the proposed road is not a public necessity and should not be built.

The bill will come before the Council a week hence, and unless that body overrules the Council Committee and sets aside the unanimous report of its committee the bill is dead, and cannot be revived during the life of the present Municipal Assembly.

The Post-Dispatch was the first to call attention to this grab, conceived by the Lindell Railway Company, and to expose its purposes.

A bolder attempt to confiscate public property and at the same time mar and depreciate much of the choicest private property in the city was never designed by a corporation. The road was to traverse Delmar, Maple, Taylor, Fountain avenues and other exclusively residence streets and boulevards in the West End. The people whose property was to be invaded and cut to pieces, for the benefit of a few individuals, rose as a unit to protest against the franchise. Public meetings were held, and the protests given utterance in the columns of the Post-Dispatch until the whole city became aroused to the importance of putting a check on franchise grabbers and the free use of its streets for individual gain.

The executive officers of the Lindell company opposed the opposition and declared that as

the Lindell never undertook an enterprise it did not carry out, the road would be built.

The Council Committee made no haste to take up the bill and announced that it would not do so until the opponents of it had time to formulate their protests. Through indignation meetings and the columns of the Post-Dispatch the people gathered a mass of invincible protests against the bill, and word was passed to the committee that they were ready for the case of the people against the franchise grabbers to be opened.

The public hearing brought to the City Hall such an array of representative citizens on one purpose bent as had never been seen there on any other occasion. Verbal and written protests were piled up before the committee.

There was not a single petition favoring the franchise and three or four beneficiaries of it stood alone against the mass of citizens who came to denounce it as a brazen and iniquitous scheme, born of selfishness, against public policy and unnecessary for the public convenience.

One hearing was not sufficient for the case and a second was given. This one, like the first, was equally exciting and if anything, made stronger the opposition to the bill. The committee took it under advisement and yesterday asked the Council to file it.

If the bill has a friend in the Council, he has not shown himself. Mr. Uthoff introduced the bill, by request, as it was handed to him by a Lindell company official fresh from the hands of their attorneys.

SINGLE TAX HEADQUARTERS.

They Will Be Opened in the Century Building To-Night.

The St. Louis Single Tax League has leased room 1022 Century Building as permanent headquarters. On this floor is the assembly hall. Members' regular business meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 o'clock p. m.; regular open public meetings first and third Wednesday evenings. All persons having the single tax cause at heart are eligible to membership in the league.

The first meeting will be held to-night in Assembly Hall at 7:30 o'clock. "It will be a sort of good fellowship meeting," said President Adolph Moll, "single taxers are asked to bring their friends. We propose to consolidate our forces for work in the cause." Prof. Wundt, Dr. Tyrrell, Rabbi Sale and others have been asked to address us to-night. Assembly Hall is on the tenth floor.

The selection and equipment of headquarters fell on President Adolph Moll, Secretary L. E. Custer and William H. Friesmeyer, John J. McLean, S. L. Mosher, committee.

BURGULARS HEAD ST. LOUISWARD

Walsh and "Kid" McManus, Once Arrested in St. Louis.

Chief of Police Harrigan has received information that Jack Walsh and John, alias Kid, McManus, two of the most expert safe-burglars in the country, are on the road and headed this way.

Both were arrested here about three years ago at Sixth and Lucas avenue by Detectives Walsh and Tom Tracy. Both were heavily armed and carried a complete set of safe-burgling tools, and they were each given a year in the Work-house for carrying concealed weapons and burglary tools.

ZERN HAD A FALSE POCKET.

Two Alleged Pickpockets Arrested in Barr's Are From Pittsburgh.

John Mansfield, alias Joe Clark, and Theodore Zern, alleged expert pickpockets from Pittsburgh, were arrested Tuesday afternoon in Barr's by Detectives Killian and Healey. The detectives claim that they caught the men trying to pick a woman's pocket.

Mansfield carried a bag of nuts, which the officers claim he used to hide his hand while working. A false pocket, containing \$25, was found in Zern's trousers.

A diary was found in Mansfield's pocket showing that he had recently been in several large Eastern cities.

WINTER CLOTHES FOR BOYS.

Reefer Coats and Winter Suits are generous gifts to lads aged 3 to 15. Absolutely all-wool Suits may be bought in our Boys' Clothing Department as low as \$2.50. A large variety at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

MILLS & AVERILL, Broadway and Pine.

EMPLOYMENT AGENT FINED \$100.

James C. Ulich, an employment agent, was fined \$100 by Judge Murphy, Tuesday afternoon. Leroy Bucklew testified he had paid Ulich \$25 for which he was to get a position as advertising solicitor at \$10 a week. He said Ulich failed to get him the job and would not return the money Ulich filed a motion for a new trial.

ELECTRIC CARS BUMP HARD.

Motormen and Conductors Shaken Up and Cars Damaged.

Bellevue electric car, No. 806, going south on Eleventh street, collided with a west-bound car of the Union line at Eleventh and O'Fallon streets Wednesday morning. There were no passengers in either car.

The motormen and conductors escaped injury, but were shaken up.

The windows and doors in both cars were smashed in. Repairs will cost \$150.

Wabash Switchman Badly Injured.

George W. Chapman, switchman for the Wabash road, was struck by a freight train at the Spring avenue crossing Tuesday evening. He was badly injured and was taken to St. John's Hospital. Chapman is 48 years old and lives at 607 South Ewing avenue.

OPEN TO-NIGHT & THURSDAY NIGHT
Until 9:30 O'Clock.

FAMOUS
BROADWAY & MORGAN

OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT
TILL MIDNIGHT,
If Necessary, to Wait on All Our Patrons.

The Christmas Climax

Will be reached Thursday & Friday—the last two days before Christmas. We are grandly prepared for the final rush.

All Reserve Stocks Have Been Brought to the Front
Additional Salespeople Will Be Pressed Into Service,
More Delivery Wagons Have Been Added—

Taking It All in All, Late Shoppers Will Find Famous Just

The place to make their Holiday purchases—easily—quickly—economically. If you are still in doubt as to what to buy—come & look around. Every aisle—every counter—every department teems with Holiday suggestions—at prices that save you money.

See the Grand Assortment of

Men's Fine Clothing

We are offering at extremely low prices. Men's \$25 Suits, Overcoats & Ulsters are selling for

Men's \$22 Suits, Overcoats & Ulsters are selling for

Men's \$16 & \$18 Suits, Overcoats & Ulsters are going for

Men's \$12 & \$13.50 Suits, Overcoats & Ulsters go for

See Our Splendid Assortment of

Smoking Jackets

& House Gowns—always useful & acceptable gifts. Men like useful things.

See the Grand Stock of

Umbrellas & Canes

We are showing at popular prices. Many novelties not to be found elsewhere.

See the Complete Line of

Mackintoshes

We offer you for your selection—all the newest styles at pleasing prices.

See the Immense Stock of

Shoes & Slippers,

Useful & appropriate gifts at a substantial saving in price.

See the Brilliant Display of

Men's Neckwear,

Some put up in fancy boxes ready for presentation to relatives & friends.

See the Beautiful We Offer in

Albums, Toilet Sets,

Work Boxes, etc. First Floor—main aisle. Prices reduced to clear them out by Christmas evening.

See the Complete Assortment of

Men's Furnishings

Of all kinds we offer—gloves, mufflers—bath robes—Cardigan jackets—hosiery—underwear, etc., etc.

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& all departments—with but few exceptions—will present a complete assortment of all styles & sizes—making the choosing easy.

So that all our patrons may expect prompt attention—without annoying & tiresome waiting & delays.

& we can promise to deliver promptly all purchases made up to Christmas Eve. You will aid us, however, by taking your small packages with you—if you will.

See the Grand Stock of

Boys' Clothing.

Nothing to compare with it in town—ten styles where other stores show one—prices unquestionably the lowest.

See the Handsome Line of Boys'

Waists & Leggings.

They make elegant Xmas Gifts—and will be appreciated.

See the Swell Stock of Men's & Boys'

Hats & Caps,

In all the new styles—in all the new shapes—in all the new patterns & colors.

See the Complete Line of Men's

Holiday Suspenders.

Plain & silver trimmed—silk & satin—some in fancy glass boxes.

See What We Offer You in Men's

Handkerchiefs

—in linen, batiste & silk—you're always safe in presenting Handkerchiefs & gloves. One cannot have too many of them.

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YULETIDE



With past memories and present joys, is at hand. On Friday night, between 12 o'clock and early dawn, the stockings hung up in St. Louis, if placed on a clothes line, one yard apart, would reach nearly to Chicago.

THE LADIES

Will Find Our Store

HEADQUARTERS FOR

SENSIBLE XMAS PRESENTS

FOR RELATIVE, FRIEND & SWEETHEART

SUGGESTIONS:

Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Underwear, Fur Gloves, Mufflers, Silk Hats, Umbrellas,

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk Suspenders, House and Bath Robes, Plush and Wool Caps, Sweaters, Fancy Shirts, White Dress Shirts, Hosiery, Collars, Cuffs, Etc., Etc.

POSITIVELY THE LOWEST PRICES IN ST. LOUIS.

J. W. Humphrey Clothing Co.

OPEN TILL 9 O'CLOCK TO-NIGHT.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS.

YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING

Stores Open Evenings

Until Christmas

For Your Benefit

And others who are unable to make their purchases earlier in the day.

See the Complete Stock of

Ladies' Underwear,

At prices that are surprisingly low, considering the high quality of the garments.

See the Largest & Most Complete

Toy Stock

In town in our busy basement. Everything the child's heart could wish for is here in great variety at lowest price.

See Our Complete Stock of

Silverware,

Baking Dishes—Cakes & Fruit Stands—Salt & Pepper Shakers—Sugars—Creams—Spoonholders—Spoons—Knives—Forks—all quadruple-plated—prices much lower than jewelers ask.

See the Handsome "Gift Things" in

Glass & China.

Useful—sensible—appropriate—acceptable Presents in endless assortment.

See the Superb Line of

Bric-a-Brac,

Bisque Figures, Vases, etc. These things are not expensive if you buy them here.

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